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Joint Secretary (CIV)
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Ministry of External Affairs
NEW DELHI

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(1)

**DNA Testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji kept
in Renkoji Temple**

As directed by JS (CNV), I attended the meeting taken by Shri A.K. Bhandari, Special Secretary (JSK), MHA, at 3:30 p.m. on 20.05.2003. The Chief Forensic Adviser, DNA Testing Center, Hyderabad was present in addition to the original invitees.

2. The discussion centred around the following topics:

- (i) Whether DNA test could be conducted on the remains kept in the Renkoji Temple.
- (ii) Whether Japanese authorities or Temple priests would give clearance for removing the remains for DNA test.
- (iii) If (i) & (ii) are resolved, whether Govt. of India would eventually give clearance for a DNA test.

3. During the discussion, MHA officials pointed out that blood sample of two sons of elder brother of Netaji and one person from his maternal lineage collected by the Commission have been sent to the DNA testing center in Hyderabad. The chappals and fragments teeth of the "Gumnam Baba" have also been sent to the center.

4. The Chief Forensic Adviser opined that material for a DNA test can be isolated from unburnt bones, teeth but not from ash. However to ascertain this the contents of the ash kept in the Renkoji Temple would need to be examined.

5. The DG, BPR&D suggested deputation of a team comprising forensic experts and MHA officials to examine the remains. Special Secretary, MHA wondered whether prior approval of the Japanese government or the Temple authorities would be a pre-requisite for examination or removal of the remains from the temple. To a query, the undersigned reiterated our stand that MHA's clearance would be needed before MEA could take any action in the matter.

Conclusion

MHA may decide to depute a team to Japan as suggested by DGBPR&D and request MEA for facilitating examination of the remains.


(K.S. Gusain)
Under Secretary (NGO)

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No.I/12014/13/2000-ISD-V
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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Dated: 13th May, 2003

NOTICE FOR MEETING

Sub: DNA Testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji lying in Rankoji Temple, Tokyo, Japan – regarding

Shri A.K. Bhandari, Special Secretary (JSK) Ministry of Home Affairs will take a meeting at 11 A.M. on Tuesday the 20th May, 2003 in his chamber (Room No. 118), North Block, New Delhi to discuss the subject noted above.

2. Please make it convenient to attend the meeting.


(U.K. KALRA)
DIRECTOR (S)

To:

- 1) Sh. L.C. Amarnathan, Director General (BPR&D),
Block No. 11, 4th Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Rd.
New Delhi
- 2) Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General,
National Archives of India, Janpath, New Delhi.
T.No.3383436
- 3) Sh. Vijay Gokhale, Jt. Secy (C&V),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.
- 4) Joint Director,
I.B., New Delhi

I briefed Spl. Secy.
at 11:00 am today.

US(N20) may pl. be
present at meeting at
3:30 pm. in Rm. No. 118
North Block, MHA.

US(N20) may make
following pts:

1) JMCI has asked for
DNA testing on remains
through E/I Tokyo.
We need MHA orders.

- C.C to:
1. P.S to S.S.(JKA)
 2. P.S to JS(S)

2) Arrangements for
experts, listing etc.
will need to be made
by MHA, which is
nodal agency for JMCI.

3) MHA will await
MHA's instructions. Emb.
will not take any
action till then.

US(N20) 20/5/2003

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14th May, 2003

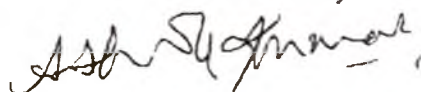
S.M. 93/c

Dear Shri Gokhale,

Please refer to your fax message (DO No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX) dated 13th May, 2003) relating to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. We have already contacted the person concerned (who is also our good friend). However, the letter forwarded by you vide your letter dated April 22, 2003 could not be delivered to him as he was hospitalized. The letter will be delivered to him within next two-three days (as soon as his health permits to receive us).

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


(Ashok Kumar Sharma)
Consul General

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX

Dated May 13, 2003

Dear Muthu,

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 7th April, 2003 regarding information desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry relating to the archives in Belarus and Lithuania.

The Commission desires to have the requisite information quickly. I would, therefore, be grateful if you could have the information/clarification sent to us at the earliest.

Respectfully,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri B.R.Muthu Kumar
Ambassador of India
Minsk



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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated May 13, 2003

Dear *Shri Arya*

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 7th April, 2003 regarding information desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry relating to the archives in Ukraine.

The Commission desires to have the requisite information quickly. I would, therefore, be grateful if you could have the information/clarification sent to us at the earliest.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Arya Sandeep
First Secretary
Embassy of India
Kyiv



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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

May 13, 2003

Dear Ma'am,

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 3rd February, 2003 regarding information desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The Commission has desired to know the results of the inquiry made by the Mission with the host government on the concerned matter. I would, therefore, be grateful if the present position in this matter is intimated to us.

Respectfully,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Smt. Veena Sikri
High Commissioner of India
Kuala Lumpur

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Joint Secretary(CNV)

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Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Prabhakar Menon
Ambassador of India
Dublin

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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated May 13, 2003

Dear Ashok,

S.No. 71/c

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 22nd April, 2003 relating to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

We are required to send a report to the Commission regarding the enquiry made by the Post relating to the location of witnesses. I would, therefore, be grateful if the requisite information is sent to us at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Ashok K. Sharma
Consul General
Consulate General of India
St. Petersburg

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

May 13, 2003

Dear *Mam*,

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The Commission desires to know the results of the inquiry made by the Mission with the host government on the concerned matter. I would, therefore, be grateful if the present position in this matter is intimated to us.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

Smt. L.K.Ponappa
Ambassador of India
Bangkok

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Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri T.C.A.Rangachari
Ambassador of India
Berlin

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Joint Secretary(CNV)

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May 13, 2003

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Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.P.Shukla
High Commissioner of India
Singapore

2183/JS(CNU)/2003

13.5.03

JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

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No. JMC/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/

Kolkata, dated, 07.05.2003.

99-2000/48(IV)/53(7)

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

- To : 1) Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block,
New Delhi-110001.
- 2) Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.
- 3) Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.
- 4) Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.
- 5) Secretary, Ministry of Defence (History Division),
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 6) Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,
Government of India, Akashbani Bhavan,
Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
- 7) Director, Intelligence Bureau,
Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block, New Delhi-110001.

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Su. Sec. Sir,

I am directed to send herewith copies of the Commission's
Status Report as on 24.03.2003 (forenoon) and of the proceedings
dated 26.03.2003, 27.03.2003 and 03.04.2003 for your kind
information and for favour of taking necessary action at
your end.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above.

Status Report as on 24.03.2003 (forenoon) showing action taken on/compliance with orders/directions including those contained in the various proceedings of the Commission.

1. Xerox copies of the Commission's Status Report for the period from 01.02.2003 to 28.02.2003 were sent to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, under Commission's Registered letter No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/585(7) dated 07.03.2003 for taking necessary action at their end. Copies of the Status Report as on 23.12.2002 and of the proceedings dated 27.12.2002 and 09.01.2003 have also been sent to the aforesaid authorities by Registered Post.
2. (a) A Notice has been sent to each of the deponents and other parties concerned regarding the hearing of the Commission on 26.03.2003 and 27.03.2003 in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata and summons have been issued to 9 (nine) persons for their examination as witnesses before the Commission at the time of the said hearing.

(b) Orders in pursuance of the hearing of the Commission held on 09.01.2003 in respect of paragraph 7(a) of the Status Report as on 28.11.2002 will be passed by the Hon'ble Chairman at the time of the hearing on 26.03.2003.
3. (a) Xerox copies/authenticated copies of various files of the Government of India as received from time to time are being scrutinized and further references are being made to the Government of India to elicit further information/documents in appropriate cases.

(b) The Commission has been pursuing with the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the Intelligence Bureau, etc., Government of India, for various files/documents/records/reports called for from them which are yet to be received by the Commission.
4. The Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in his d.o. letter dated 13.11.2002 addressed to the Hon'ble Chairman as stated inter alia :
".....since the Commission feels that these papers (i.e. classified British records on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) could be of vital importance with reference to its mandate, we have again taken up the issue of their release with the British Government and would keep you informed of the outcome in this regard.
I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you of all possible assistance from our side to facilitate the inquiry of the Commission".
Since then the Ministry of External Affairs has sent a d.o. letter bearing No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I) dated February 28, 2003 wherein it has been stated, inter alia, that the Indian Mission in London has taken up the matter with the authorities concerned in the U.K. and has been following up with them; but till date, no response has been received from the British authorities.

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He London
have written to
F2CO on 30/4/03

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5. Copies of the Commission's Status Report from 01.11.2002 to 30.11.2002 were sent by Registered Post with A/D. under Commission's letters No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/453(6) dated 9/11th December, 2002 to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Prime Minister's Office, and Cabinet Secretariat with the request to send to the Commission within six weeks the replies/reports in respect of the paras concerning their respective Ministries/Departments/Offices in the form of an affidavit duly sworn by their respective authorised Officers, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India. No affidavit in response to the said letter has yet been filed by/or on behalf of any of the addressees of the said letters. While some of the addressees have not responded at all – much less complied with the directions contained in the said letters – others have, however, sent their responses without any supporting affidavit.

Position?

Response had
been sent
thru. a letter.
(affidavit to
be sent)

6. Seventy six records/files, which are admitted by the Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, to be available with them, could not be perused by Shri P.N. Chakravarty, Senior Research Officer of the Commission when he visited the Intelligence Bureau, New Delhi, as per programme in the second half of February, 2003 with prior intimation to the Intelligence Bureau, Government of India. He was given to understand that the Micro-film system of the I.B. had become non-functional; that they were shifting their office to a new site and that it would take considerable time by the I.B. to make those records available to the Commission for inspection, after shifting of the records was completed and the Micro-film system was restored.
7. Some more specimens of admitted hand-writing of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose could be collected and have been sent to the second hand-writing expert whose report is awaited.
8. In view of the assertions of some deponents that documents containing clinching evidence relating to the points of inquiry of the Commission are in the possession and/or under the control of different foreign Departments, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India was requested on 11.11.2002, (apropos the Hon'ble Chairman's discussions with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India held on 28.10.2002), to take up the matter with the Government of the U.K., the U.S.A., Japan, Taiwan, Russia, all other States which are now sovereign but previously within the erstwhile USSR, Thailand, Malayasia, Singapore, Vietnam, Germany, Ireland, etc. to make available or accessible to the Commission at their earliest convenience, all relevant documents which are in the possession and/or under the control of the aforesaid Governments and/or in the various archives of those countries. In response, a list of archives in Kazakhstan and the name, address, etc. of one archive in Kyrgyzstan have been received on 10.02.2003, lists of archives of Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Armenia and the name and telephone No. of one archive in Georgia, have been received on 25.02.2003, and lists of archives in Belarus and Lithuania have been received on 11.03.2003. The Ministry of External Affairs has stated in their d.o. letters

dated February 28, 2003 that the National Archives of Turkmenistan do not have any information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose; that the Ministry of External Affairs has asked the Indian Mission in Moscow to check with the Russian Foreign Office about the presence of any relevant documents in the archives of the Russian Federation with specific references to the archives mentioned in the list of Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy; that the Indian Mission in the Russian Federation is checking with the Russian Foreign Office regarding the points raised by the Commission in its letter No. 398 dated 11.11.2002 concerning the list of archives in the Russian Federation; that the Indian Mission in Belarus "has also informed that all requests for service from the listed archives must be specific and all services rendered are charged"; and that information from the remaining countries are being procured and will be sent to the Commission as soon as received.

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ET, Mumbai
Reminded
on 13.5.03

9. The blood samples of Shri Subrata Bose and Shri Dwaraka Nath Bose, who are sons of the elder brothers of Netaji, as also of Shri Sadhan Kar, who is a descendent from the maternal lineage of Netaji, were collected by the Commission on 04.03.2003 and on that very day, an authorised officer of the Commission went to Hyderabad and deposited them with the Centre for D.N.A. Fingerprinting and Diagonistics, Hyderabad along with seven teeth found amongst the belongings allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' of Faizabad, for D.N.A. tests.

10. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested by the Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2000/432 dated November 27, 2002 to kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan the original Register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for Cremation Permit allegedly filed on 18.05.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for Cremation Permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original Death Certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and the original Death Certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura. A copy of the said letter along with copies of the enclosures thereto were also sent to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on November 27, 2002 by Registered Post. The Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India in their d.o. letter dated 11.02.2003 received by the Commission on 24.02.2003 has stated, inter alia, that the matter is under reference to the authorities concerned in Japan and that the Ministry "shall revert as soon as a response is received from the Japanese authorities".

Reminded
to Jt Sec Tokyo
HH

Letter to Tokyo
Sent on 24/4/03

11. A proposal has been sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India in Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Admn./99-2000/32(II)/560 dated 27.02.2003 for extension of the term of the Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for a further period of one year beyond 14.05.2003 detailing the nature and extent of hurdles the Commission has/had been facing and highlighting some of the pertinent reasons for which the Commission will not be in a position to complete its inquiry by then.

JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 26th March, 2003 (21st- DI)
Held at Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
166, Chitta Ranjan Avenue, Kolkata – 700 007

March 26, 2003

Two of the four witnesses summoned for examination today are present. They are Shri Sunil Krishna Gupta and Shri Bhaskar Kishori Nag. So far as the other two are concerned, Shri Bijoy Kumar Nag has prayed for his examination tomorrow while Shri Ranendra Mohan Roy has expressed his inability to appear today. Both the prayers have been allowed. Shri Nag will be examined tomorrow, and Shri Roy will be summoned afresh.

Shri Sunil Krishna Gupta has been examined as CW.91. He has testified that the statements made in the affidavit filed by him and others on 24/02/2000 and the supplementary affidavit filed by him and others on 02/08/2000 before the Commission are correct. The affidavit and the supplementary affidavit have been marked Exhibits 125 and 126 respectively. The letters written by him and the lists of articles prepared by him have been marked Exhibits 127 to 127(y) and 128 to 128 (b) respectively. The letters written by Atul Krishna Gupta, his elder brother, have been marked Exhibits 129 to 129 (n). His examination cannot be concluded today as he has intended to bring on record a number of documents for which he has prayed for a day. His prayer has been allowed.

Shri Bhaskar Kishori Nag has been examined as CW.92. The letters written by "Prosad", his father, have been marked Exhibits 130 to 130 (k). One diary written by his father Shiba Prosad Nag (Prosad), since deceased, has been marked Exhibit 131.

Proceedings adjourned till 10.30 a.m. tomorrow (27/03/2003) for examination of other witnesses and hearing on 'Status Report'.

(M. K. Mukherjee)

Chairman

Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Proceedings dated 27th March, 2003 (21st - D2)
held at Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
166, Chitta Ranjan Avenue, Kolkata – 700 007

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March 27, 2003

Shri Sunil Krishna Gupta (CW.91) is present with some documents. He has been further examined and the three letters produced by him as letters of "Bhagawanji" have been marked Exhibits 132 to 132(b).

All the six witnesses summoned today are present.

Shri Aloke Krishna Chakraborty has been examined as CW.93. The book, ৱাষ্টারি অফ রেনকোজি (Mystery of ashes in Renkoji), authored by him has been marked Exhibit 133.

Shri Surajit Dasgupta has been examined as CW.94. He has testified that the statements made in the affidavit filed by him and others on 24/02/2000 and the supplementary affidavit filed by them on 02/08/2000 are correct. He has identified his signatures on the affidavit and the supplementary affidavit which have been marked Exhibits 125/1 and 126/1 respectively. Nine letters written by him have been marked Exhibits 134 to 134 (h). Four diaries written by him have been marked Exhibits 135 to 135 ©.

Authenticated xerox copy of a two-page document obtained from the National Archives of India has been produced by him. This document has been marked Exhibit 136. Twelve 'Rakhis' along with four 'chits' produced by him have been marked Material Exhibit 'VII'.

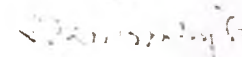
Shri Nanda Lal Chakraborty has been examined as CW.95. Five letters written by him have been marked Exhibits 137 to 137 (d).

Shri Jagatjit Dasgupta has been examined as CW.96. Eight letters written by him have been marked Exhibits 138 to 138 (g). Three diaries written by him have been produced by him and marked Exhibits 139 to 139 (b).

Shri Tarun Kumar Mukherjee has been examined as CW.97. Seven letters written by him have been marked Exhibits 140 to 140 (f).

Another witness, Shri Bejoy Kumar Nag cannot be examined today for want of time.

Proceedings adjourned till 10.30 a.m. on 3rd April, 2003.


(M. K. Mukherjee)
Chairman

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 3rd April, 2003 (22nd)
Held at Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
166, Chitta Ranjan Avenue, Kolkata – 700 007

April 03, 2003

Of the two witnesses summoned today for examination, Shri Bijoy Kumar Nag is present. Other witness, Shri Ranendra Mohan Roy, by sending one petition along with a Doctor's certificate, has prayed for time on medical ground. Prayer has been considered and allowed.

Shri Bijoy Kumar Nag has been examined as CW.98. Sixteen letters written by him in his nick name "Charan" have been marked Exhibits 141 to 141 (o). Nine letters written by 'Mukul', three letters of 'Renu', alias Anil Das, eighteen letters of 'Tripti' alias Santosh Bhattacharya, three slips written by 'Bhagawanji', three letters of Kumar Biswanath Roy, three letters written by Leela Roy have been marked Exhibits 142 to 142 (h), 143 to 143 (b), 144 to 144 (q), 145 to 145 (b), 146 to 146 (b) and 147 to 147 (b) respectively. Three letters written by Sailen Roy and one manuscript of 28 pages in an exercise book written by Shri Roy have been marked Exhibits 148 to 148(b) and 148 (c) respectively. Two letters of Kaviraj Kamalakanta Ghosh, three letters of Prof. Samar Guha and one letter of Trailakyanath Chakraborty have been marked Exhibits 149 to 149(a), 150 to 150(b) and 151 respectively. The lists of articles have been marked Exhibits 152 collectively. Two books titled 'Oi Mahamanab Ashey' and fourteen journals titled 'Jayashree' have been marked Exhibits 153 and 153 (a) and 154 to 154 (m) respectively. Three manuscripts written by Shri Nag in exercise books have been marked Exhibits 155 to 155 (b). Photographs have been marked Material Exhibits VIII, VIII(a), IX, IX(a), X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI and XVII.

STATUS REPORT

The parties and/or their lawyers have been heard in respect of 'Status Report' as on 24/03/2003.

Mr Rudrajyoti Bhattacharya (JMCI – 11) criticised the Government of India for not responding properly to the queries raised by the Commission regarding some relevant documents from time to time.

Mr. Keshab Bhattacharya, Ld. Counsel appearing for Forward Bloc (JMCI – 19) also criticised the Government of India and the inaction of Senior Standing Counsel appearing for the Government of India. He has stated that the smooth functioning of the Commission is being delayed as necessary documents have not yet been sent by the Government of India nor any proper reply has been received by the Commission to the queries relating to the relevant documents made by the Commission from time to time.

Mr Tarakeshwar Pal, Ld. Senior Standing Counsel for the Government of India in his reply has stated that he has tried his best to apprise the Government of India about the position but in reality no fruitful result is forthcoming. He, as usual, has assured the Commission that he will try his level best again so that the functioning of the Commission is not affected or jeopardised.


(M.K. Mukherjee),
Chairman

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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NO. JMCI/STAT.REPT./99-2000/33A (II)/50 (7)

May 06, 2003

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

- To :
1. The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
 2. The Secretary,
Ministry of Defence (History Division),
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 3. The Secretary,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India,
Akashbani Bhavan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
 4. The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office, Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 5. The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 6. The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.
 7. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

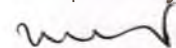
Subject : Status Report from 01.04.2003 to 30.04.2003.

Ref : Your Office letter No.I/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
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STATUS REPORT
(From 01.04.2003 to 30.04.2003)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.03.2003 to 31.03.2003 forwarded under Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A(11)/626(7) dated April 02, 2003 to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of External Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their end.
2. There has been no further development in the matters as stated in paras 3, 5, 8, 12, 13, 15 and 19 of the Status Report for the period from 01.02.2003 to 28.02.2003.
3. (a) The hearing of the Commission was held on April 03, 2003 in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata, when Shri Bijay Kumar Nag, the only witness who turned up on that day, was examined in full and the matters in the Status Report as on 24.03.2003 (forenoon) were discussed.
(b) Notices have been sent for recording deposition of Shri Apurba Chandra Ghosh and Shri Sailendra Kumar Roy on 12.05.2003 by the Secretary of the Commission on being appointed as Commissioner for the purpose by the Commission.
4. By Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./Compliance/2003/87/577 dt. 05.03.2003, the Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs was requested, inter alia, to ensure strict compliance with the Commission's order as contained in the Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/453(6) dated 9/11.12.2002 and send to the Commission within six weeks the replies/reports in respect of those paras of the Status Report from 01.11.2002 to 30.11.2002 which are concerning the Ministry of Home Affairs, supported by an affidavit duly sworn by a competent Officer, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of

India, as called for in the said Order. No such affidavit has been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs as yet.

5. The Commission in its letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14 dated 10.04.2003 has indicated all the correspondence made by it and the replies/responses thereto received by it regarding feasibility of D.N.A. test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji temple. It has also been stated in the said letter dated 10.04.2003 : 'Only positive reply in the matter has been received from Mr. Terry Milton..... but there is a precondition stipulated by him This is "anthropological evaluation of remains, including photography". He has categorically written, "We would like to receive the anthropologist's report prior to proceeding".....'

As the Commission is now in a fix as to how anthropological evaluation and other necessary scientific tests of the alleged mortal remains kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan should be done for ascertaining the feasibility of D.N.A. test on that mortal remains, it has written to the Ministry of Home Affairs with the request 'to take necessary action as early as possible to enable the Commission to get necessary anthropological evaluation and other necessary tests done for taking the next step for D.N.A. test on the alleged mortal remains'. A copy of the said letter dated 10.04.2003 along with its enclosures was forwarded for information and necessary action to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

The response of the Government of India is being anxiously awaited.

A xerox copy of the letter dated 10.02.2003 of Shri Sunil Krishna Gupta and four others and xerox copies of the enclosures thereto, which is a list of documents exhibited by the witnesses before Justice Khosla Commission, were sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, under Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003 with the request to kindly furnish to the Commission immediately the original or authenticated true copies of all the documents mentioned in the said letter dated 10.02.2003 and its enclosures. In d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated March 28, 2003 of Joint Secretary, CNV, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to

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the Secretary of the Commission, it has been stated, inter alia, that copies/originals of all the documents related to Justice Khosla Commission would be available only with the Ministry of Home Affairs and that the letter dated 1st November, 1951 of Shri Subimal Dutta, the then Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, addressed to Shri A. M. Sahay, and the letter dated 17th January, 1952 of Shri A. M. Sahay to Shri Subimal Dutta were sent in original by Ministry of External Affairs to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Accordingly, the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has been requested by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/11/2000/15 dated 11.04.2003 to kindly send immediately the original or authenticated true copies of all the documents as called for by Commission's letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated February 17, 2003, a copy of which appears to have been sent by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Ministry of External Affairs earlier in response to which the Ministry of External Affairs wrote the aforesaid d.o. letter dated March 28, 2003 to the Secretary of the Commission.

7. (a) The Director, Intelligence Bureau, was sent an extract of para 5.38 of Chapter-Five of the report dated June 30, 1974 of Justice Khosla Commission with Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.D./99-2000/37(IV)/625 dated April 1, 2003 and was requested to kindly make available to the Commission immediately authenticated xerox copies of the three reports under Finney's signatures dated 5/10/1945, 10/10/1945, and 12/10/1945 respectively and of the report dated 7/10/1945 signed by Davies which were supplied to the Justice Khosla Commission by the Intelligence Bureau as stated in the aforesaid para 5.38.

The response is awaited.

(b) By Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/624 dated April 1, 2003 attention of the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was drawn to Commission's letter No.JMCI/25/2000/413 dated 14.11.2002 followed by the reminders bearing Nos. 487 dated 30.12.2002 and No.525 dated 30.01.2003 and he was requested once again to kindly make available to the Commission immediately authenticated xerox copies of the reports allegedly prepared by M/S. Finney and Davies who were allegedly sent to the Far East along with Mr. H.K. Roy and Mr. P.K. De, both Indian Police Officers, to trace Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose after the

alleged plane crash in Taipei in 1945. His attention was also drawn in this regard to para 5.38 of Chapter Five of the report dated June 30, 1974 of Justice Khosla Commission wherein it is stated, inter alia, that the three reports bearing Finney's signatures dated 05/10/1945, 10/10/1945, and 12/10/1945 and one report dated 07/10/1945 signed by Davies have been supplied to the Khosla Commission by the Intelligence Bureau.

The response is still awaited.

8. The attention of the Director (IS-II), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India was drawn by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/ND/99-2000/37(IV)/39 dated April 28, 2003 to the letter No.281/12/1/2000-IS dated 13.11.2002 from Shri Satrughna Singh, Director, Cabinet Secretariat as also to the letter No.1/12014/13/IS(D.V) dated 02.01.2003 of the Director (IS-II), Ministry of Home Affairs, and he was requested to clarify as to whether F.Nos. in the aforesaid letter dated 13.11.2002 denote File Nos. of the Cabinet Secretariat or those are identification numbers of some documents or classes of documents. He was also requested to let the Commission know which of the documents in the files sent by Shri Bhatia of the Ministry of Home Affairs can be related to the Sl.Nos. (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vi) at para 2 of the letter dated 13.11.2002 of the Cabinet Secretariat, if F. Nos. denote identification Nos. of some documents or classes of documents, since no files bearing F. Nos. mentioned in the said letter dated 13.11.2002 of Shri Satrughna Singh of the Cabinet Secretariat have been received by the Commission.
9. A complete list of the names and addresses of all the archives in the Russian Union, as called for in Commission's letter No. 134 dated 21.06.2002 followed by reminders No. 257 dated August 14, 2002 and No. 348 dated 27.09.2002 is yet to be received, though lists of some / all archives of some of the States which were within the erstwhile USSR could be received from the Ministry of External Affairs in pursuance of the Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/398 dated November 11, 2002 addressed to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, on the subject : Documents, Records, Files, etc. relating to and/or having relevance to the points of inquiry which are in the possession or under the control of the Governments of the UK, the USA, the

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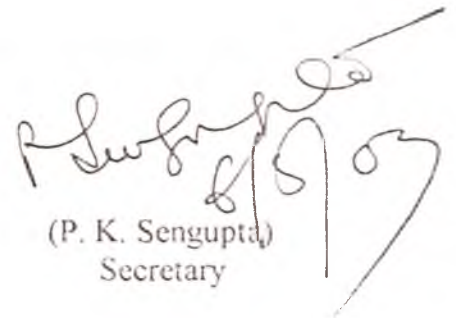
Russian Federation and other States which were within the erstwhile USSR, Japan, Vietnam, Taiwan, Thailand, Malayasia, Singapore, Germany, Ireland, etc. wherein the attention of the said Joint Secretary was also drawn to the Commission's aforesaid letter No.348 dated September 27, 2002.

Further actions of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India on all the points mentioned in the said letter No.398 dated November 11, 2002 of the Commission are still awaited.

10. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs was requested by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 dated November 27, 2002 to kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan original register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for Cremation Permit allegedly filed on 18.08.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for Cremation Permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original death certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and the original death certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura, so that the Commission may have access to these documents. It has also pointed therein that from the materials before the Commission it seems that one death certificate in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose was issued on 18.08.1945; that from the certified copy of extract from the original document on Cremation Permit in the name of Ichiro Okura it appears further that the certified copy of extract of the original document was issued on July 14, 1945 and that the original document on cremation permit was in existence on July 14, 1956 i.e., long after the end of the Second World War. In the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX-I dated February 11, 2003 of the Joint Secretary, CNV, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission it has been stated, inter alia : "we have asked our Embassy to seek the requisite clarifications and obtain the desired documents from the Government of Japan. The matter is under reference to the concerned authorities in Japan. We are waiting to hear from them on this issue. We shall revert as soon as a response is received from the Japanese authorities." Since the Commission has not heard further from the Ministry of External Affairs

in the matter, it can be legitimately presumed that the Japanese authorities has not responded as yet.

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reminded*
11. Reports solicited by the Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/446 dated December 5, 2002 on the outcome of further inquiry pursuant to the communication dated May 8, 2001 of Shri Harish K. Jain, Consul, St. Petersburg addressed to the Embassy of India, Moscow, a copy of which was enclosed with the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated October 31, 2002 of the Ministry of External Affairs, is yet to be received.
 12. (a) The report of the second handwriting expert regarding verification of handwritings allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' of Faizabad with the admitted specimen handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, is yet to be received.
(b) The report of the Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad regarding D.N.A. tests of the blood samples of two sons of the two elder brothers of Netaji and of one of the descendants belonging to the maternal lineage of Netaji as also of the teeth allegedly belonging to 'Gumnami Baba,' is yet to be received.


(P. K. Sengupta)
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No.LON/POL/103 /17/00

April 30, 2003

Please see the enclosed letter which I sent to Peter Holland on February 24.
Can I request you for an urgent response to the request from the Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry ?

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Vikas Swarup)

Mr. Jonathan Thomson
Head, India Section
South Asian Department
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
LONDON

Copy to Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS(CNV), w.r.t. his letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated April 29, 2003.

Best wishes.

(Vikas Swarup)



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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated May 7, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is in continuation of my letter of even number dated 22nd April, 2003.

I am forwarding herewith documents sent by our Mission in Washington relating to the communication between President Truman and General MacArthur. These have been obtained from the MacArthur Memorial Library and the Truman Library.

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated May 7, 2003

Dear *Ravi,*

This has reference to your endorsement No. SIN/POL/102/2/03 dated 18.2.03 regarding inquiry about the existence of an office of the Indian National Army.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has sought an immediate report on the result of the inquiry. I would, therefore, be grateful if the requisite information is sent to us quickly.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Ravi Bangar
Deputy High Commissioner
High Commission of India
Singapore

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-Up)
99-2000/48(IV)/38.

Kolkata, dated, 28th April '03.

From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your D.O. letter bearing No. 25/4/NGO- Vol.IX dated 13.03.03 and to request you to kindly keep the Commission informed immediately of the result of the inquiry which was to be made in Singapore as requested in para 2 of the Commission's letter no. 479 dated 26.12.02.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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No. WAS/Pol/845/2/2003

April 10, 2003

Dear Shri Gokhale,

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In continuation of my earlier letters of even number dated March 25 and April 8, I am enclosing the archival materials received from the MacArthur Memorial Library, Norfolk.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. S.K. Behera)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block, New Delhi

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 AND MISTER SAWADA CMA VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FROM OCTOBER ONE
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CINC INDIA has asked whether Mr Mamoru Shigemitsu, Foreign Minister, is still alive or a senior member of the Japanese Foreign Office who could give information regarding Indian affairs could be made available as witness. He would be witness for the defence but in view of importance of trial and publicity being given to it by many political leaders in India request such official be made available if reasonably possible.

Grateful you signal soonest whether witness can be sent and if so proposals regarding his despatch.

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26 August 1945

TO : CINCPAC (MACARTHUR)
FROM : WASHINGTON (THE PRESIDENT)
NR : 340 25th

Now that the Japanese have surrendered, I am very anxious to proceed on a program of help in reconstruction in the Philippine Islands.

It is my present intention to name a high commissioner to the Philippines to serve until Independence day, and I will appreciate very much your comments by telegram on this policy.

A high Commissioner could keep me advised of all the civilian needs from time to time and could be an authoritative liaison with the Congress in passing the necessary legislation.

Harry S Truman

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FOR PRESIDENT TRUMAN FROM GENERAL MACARTHUR PD (0.36 852)
ITEM AM IN ENTIRE ACCORD WITH THE POLICY ENUNCIATED IN YOUR THREE
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OFFICIAL:

B. M. FITCH,
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15 AUGUST 1945

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FROM: CINCPAC

TO : NAHCOM

PERSONAL FOR PRESIDENT TRUMAN FROM GENERAL MACARTHUR PD ITEM AM
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IN MY APPOINTMENT AS SUPREME COMMANDER PD THE ENTIRE EASTERN WORLD IS
INEXPRESSIBLY THRILLED AND STIRRED BY THE EARLY TERMINATION OF THE WAR PD
ITEM SHALL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CAPITALIZE THIS SITUATION ALONG THE
MAGNIFICENTLY CONSTRUCTIVE LINES YOU HAVE CONCEIVED FOR THE PEACE OF THE
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DIRECTIVE TO THE
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

In accordance with the agreement among the Governments of the United States, Chinese Republic, United Kingdom, and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to designate Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers for the purpose of enforcing the surrender of Japan, you are hereby designated as the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

You will require the issuance of a proclamation signed by the Emperor authorizing his representatives to sign the instrument of surrender. The proclamation to be signed should be substantially in the form appended hereto. You will take the necessary steps to require and receive from the duly authorized representative of the Japanese Emperor, the Japanese Government, and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters the signed instrument of surrender. The text of the instrument of surrender is appended hereto. You will accept the surrender for the four Governments concerned and in the interests of the other United Nations at war with Japan.

I have asked the heads of state of China, Great Britain and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics each to designate a representative who may be present with you at the time and place of surrender. I have designated Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz to be present as the United States representative for this purpose. As soon as I have received the other designations you will be advised. You will make the appropriate arrangements.

Having accepted the general surrender of Japanese armed forces, you will require the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters to issue general orders which will instruct Japanese commanders wherever situated as to the mechanics of surrender and other details effectuating the surrender. You will effect any necessary coordination of arrangements with the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters with regard to the surrenders to the Allied Commanders concerned of Japanese armed forces abroad.

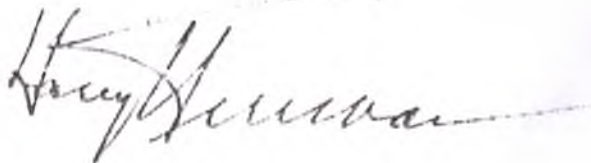
From the moment of surrender, the authority of the Emperor and Japanese Government to rule the state will be subject to you and you will take such steps as you deem proper to effectuate the surrender terms.

You will exercise supreme command over all land, sea and air forces which may be allocated for enforcement in Japan of the surrender terms by the Allied Powers concerned.

Your appointment as Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers is effective upon receipt of this directive.

Enclosures:

1. Proclamation.
2. Instrument of Surrender.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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10 August 1945.

Dear General:

The United States Embassy, The Most
Reverend Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and
Military Vicar of the Armed Forces.

He is on an important mission, having to do
with the welfare of our troops. I will appreciate your
extending every courtesy to Archbishop Spellman while he
is in your theatre.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Truman

General Douglas MacArthur,
Commander-in-Chief,
U. S. Army Forces in the Pacific,
APO 500, San Francisco, California.

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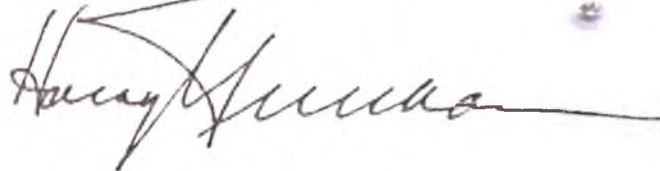
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No. WAS/Pol/845/2/2003

April 8, 2003

Dear Shri Gokhale,

8.4.65/c

In continuation of my earlier letter of even number dated March 25, I am enclosing the copies of communication between President Truman and General MacArthur received from the Truman Library. Also sent herewith is the forwarding letter from the Archivist of the Library. Perhaps the Truman Library is not aware that we have already contacted the National Archives in Maryland for obtaining the documents in question.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

S.K. Behera

(Dr. S.K. Behera)

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Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block, New Delhi

TELEGRAM

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The White House
Washington

August 17, 1945

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur #
Commander in Chief
U. S. Army Forces in the Pacific
Manila
Philippine Islands

MY HEARTFELT THANKS FOR THE PLEDGE OF FAITH WHICH
YOU GAVE IN YOUR MESSAGE OF AUGUST FIFTEENTH AS YOU ASSUMED
THE DUTIES OF THE ONEROUS TASK I HAVE ASSIGNED TO YOU. I HAVE
FULL CONFIDENCE THAT YOU WILL WORK WITH EVERY RESOURCE AT YOUR
COMMAND TO BRING INTO THIS TROUELED WORLD A LASTING PEACE BASED
UPON JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

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TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

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WAR2 AUGUST 15, 1945

THE PRESIDENT

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GENERAL MACARTHUR

REC'D. 8/15/45
1:32 AM



1 September 1945

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FROM: GENERAL MACARTHUR x584
TO : WAR DEPARTMENT x25

NR : CA 51558

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Arrangements in general accordance with your 342 have been made. As reported in my CA 51555 the ceremony will go on the air at 1030 I on the second. It will be impracticable after the President's address to switch the broadcast back to the MISSOURI for speeches by General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz. As previously directed they will be made on later broadcasts.

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1 September 1945

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FROM: GENERAL MACARTHUR
TO : THE WAR DEPARTMENT
NR : CA 51603

Reference your 342 and my C 51558 arrangements
have now been made for short addresses by MacArthur and
Nimitz to follow immediately the address of the President.

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By ~~ACT-HAL~~ NARS Date 2-4-76

From: Commander in Chief, Army Forces, Pacific Advanced
Tokyo, Japan

To: War Department

Nr: CA 51555

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From CINCPAC Adv to WARCOS, CA 51555.

Arrangements made for completion of surrender
ceremony on Missouri at 10301 September 2nd.

Radio broadcast, press dispatches and all publicity
released simultaneously here beginning at that hour.

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30 August 1945

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TO : THE WAR DEPARTMENT

NR : 342 Filed 301402Z

The President directs that the following message be sent:

FROM THE WAR DEPARTMENT TO GENERAL MACARTHUR

The President hopes that the signing of the Japanese surrender will be arranged so that it will be concluded at about 10:00 p.m. Washington time (E.W.T.). He has approved the following procedure recommended by the United States networks:

1. A radio pickup from the USS MISSOURI, giving a simple direct description of the actual signing ceremonies, with announcement of the name of each participant as he signs. At the close the announcer would say that the surrender had been completed and add "We take you now to the White House in Washington."

2. The President will then immediately address the nation.

3. At the end of the President's remarks the broadcast will be switched back to the USS MISSOURI for remarks by General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz.

The President hopes that the time for the surrender ceremony will be fixed as far in advance as possible so that the radio companies may have ample time for their arrangements and for advertising the broadcast.

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

No.25/4/NGO-Vol. IX

April 28, 2003
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Dear Vikas,

Please refer to my letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated October 29, 2002 and reminder dated January 31, 2003 regarding release of classified documents for the examination of the Justice Mukherjee Commission. Your No.LON/POL/103/17/2000 dated 22.11.2002 refers. The Commission has reminded us to intimate the outcome of our efforts in this regard.

2. We had requested you to take up the matter with the British authorities once again in pursuance of an assurance given by the EAM to Justice Mukherjee that this Ministry will give all possible assistance to facilitate the inquiry of the Justice Mukherjee Commission. I would be grateful if you could let me know at a very early date the present status of your request to the British authorities to the release of these documents.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Vikash Swarup,
Counsellor (Pol.),
High Commission of India,

Handwritten signature and date 30/4/1

| Sl No. | Request of the Commission | Action taken | Present status |
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| 1. | Justice Mukherjee met with the EAM in October 2002 and requested assistance in accessing certain classified documents pertaining to Netaji which were available with the British Authorities. | High Commission of India, London, was requested on October 29, 2002 to approach the British authorities once again to allow access to these documents to the JMCI. HCI, London, accordingly wrote to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. HCI, London was reminded on 31.1.2003. | Response from Mission is awaited. Another reminder has issued on 28.4.2003. |
| 2. | The Commission had asked this Ministry to approach the governments of UK, USA, Japan, Taiwan, Russia, all the member states of the erstwhile USSR, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Germany, Ireland, etc. to make available or accessible all relevant documents which are in the possession and/or under the control of these governments, and/or in various archives of those countries | All the Indian Missions in these countries were requested to request the host governments for their assistance in this regard. As desired by the Commission, the Missions in the countries comprising the erstwhile USSR were also requested to procure the lists of archives in their respective jurisdictions. The Missions in their turn did approach the host governments and responses started to pour in. All these responses have been forwarded to the JMCI. This fact has been acknowledged in the Commission's Status Report for the period 1.3.03 to 31.3.03. | The concerned Missions have approached the host governments for the requisite information. Further developments in the matter are awaited from some of the Missions. They are being reminded. |
| 3. | The Commission had directed this Ministry to ask E/I, Moscow to check with the Russian Foreign Office about the presence of any relevant documents in the archives of the Russian Federation with Specific references to the archives mentioned in the list of Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy | Our Mission in Moscow was requested to do so. The Mission sent to us the response from the Russian Foreign Office which clearly indicated that there were ^{was} no material related to the fate of Netaji in these archives. The JMCI was informed accordingly vide our letter dated 22.4.2003. | JMCI has been informed about the response received from the Russian Foreign Office. |
| 4. | JMCI requested this Ministry to ask our Missions in Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Armenia and Georgia to make local enquiries and report immediately as to whether any documents relating to Netaji | Indian Missions in all the countries named by the JMCI have been asked to provide this information. | Response from Missions is awaited. |

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| 4 | JMCI requested this Ministry to ask our Missions in Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Armenia and Georgia to make local enquiries and report immediately as to whether any documents relating to Netaji and relevant to the inquiry of the Commission are available in the archives of those countries | Indian Missions in all the countries named by the JMCI have been asked to provide this information. | Response from Missions is awaited. |
| 5 | JMCI has sent a list of witnesses in Russia whom it would like to examine and requested MEA to ascertain their availability | E/I, Moscow has been asked to do the needful | Commission has been informed of action taken |
| 6 | JMCI had earlier expressed a desire to visit Taiwan and in this connection had desired to visit the following places in Taiwan to examine records pertaining to Netaji that might be available : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taihoku airport - Nam Mong Military Hospital, Taihoku - Municipal Crematorium, Taipei - Bureau of Health & Hygiene, Taipei - Hokutu Military Hospital | After detailed enquiry, the Commission was informed that (a) No records of the 1945 period are available with the airport authorities; (b) the Nam Mong Military Hospital no longer exists; (c) the erstwhile Municipal Crematorium does not exist and no records are traceable; (d) the Taiwanese authorities are not aware about any Bureau of Health & Hygiene and (e) Holitu Military Hospital, currently known as the National force Beitou Military Hospital, has no records older than 1992. | Action over. |
| 7 | JMCI had requested this Ministry to persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan the original Register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for Cremation | E/I, Tokyo requested on 1.1.2003 to approach the Japanese Government for the documents requested. Reminded on 24.4.2003. JMCI kept informed. | Response awaited |

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| | <p>Permit allegedly filed on 18.5.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for Cremation Permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original Death Certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and the original Death Certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura.</p> | | |
| 8. | <p>JMCI had asked E/I, Tokyo to solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones alleged of Netaji kept in Renkoji temple "to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which DNA test may be isolated for the purposes of a DNA test".</p> <p>Meanwhile, Smt. Krishna Bose, MP wrote to our Ambassador in Tokyo to ensure that "proper and highest respect is shown by the GOI to Netaji's mortal remains". She also urged that Embassy officials should show due sensitivity to Japanese sentiments. She felt that while requesting the Renkoji Temple to permit photography/examination of the mortal remains of Netaji, proper respect should be shown and polite gratitude expressed to the Japanese for keeping these remains for so many years. The Priest of the Renkoji Temple also requested the Embassy of India, Tokyo, for observing formality in</p> | <p>Considering the sensitivity of the issue and in the light of the letter of Smt. Krishna Bose, M.P., it was felt that the Ministry of Home Affairs, which was the nodal Ministry for the JMCI should take a view in this matter. Accordingly, the MHA was apprised of the issues raised by our Ambassador and they were requested to convey their advice to us so that the Ambassador of India, Tokyo, could be advised accordingly on February 6, 2003. The Ambassador, meanwhile, was requested to await Ministry's instructions before proceeding in the matter further. JMCI was also informed by the E/I, Tokyo to correspond with the Ministry directly on this issue.</p> | <p>The MHA was reminded on February 24, March 12 and March 25, 2003 to expedite their response. The same is awaited. This is the major pending issue.</p> |

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| | <p>“opening and re-opening” of the mortal remains of Netaji and that a formal request and communication from the Indian leadership and “some notification by the government of India would be required with regard to the requested DNA testing”.</p> <p>Our Embassy in Tokyo had identified a Japanese DNA expert to ascertain whether the mortal remains of Netaji could be tested for DNA. However, our Ambassador sought Ministry’s advice and opinion on these issues, including the parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert, particularly whether both a Japanese and Indian expert should be working on this project.</p> | | |
| 9. | <p>JMCI had requested our assistance in locating/accessing certain documents relating to Netaji in the USA.</p> | <p>E/I, Washington, took up the matter with the National Archives of USA and Records Administration Maryland. The former suggested that communication between Gen. Mac Arthur and Lord Mountbatten on Netaji might be available with the British Public Record Office. Accordingly, HCI, London, has been requested to check with that organisation in London. E/I, Washington is also contacting some other US organisations as suggested by the US National archives.</p> | <p>Interim response along with the advice of the National Archives of USA conveyed to JMCI. Response from HCI, London and the result of the further probe by E/I, Washington are awaited.</p> |

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A panel agonises over a 58-yr-old mystery

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SUBRATA NAGCHOUDHURY
KOLKATA | APRIL 26

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated April 25, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is in continuation of my letter of even number dated 11th February, 2003 forwarding inter alia the list of archives in Armenia.

The Department of Archives under the Government of Armenia have now conveyed that they do not have any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in their archives. A copy of their reply along with its English translation is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

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YER/CUL/327/3/02

April 2, 2003

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated November 27, 2002 regarding Mr. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. We have asked all the archives of Armenia and Georgia to send us information about Mr. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The department of Archives under Government of Republic of Armenia conveyed us vide letter No. 10S dated February 5, 2003 that they don't have any documents on the activities of Mr. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Please find the enclosed copies of the same.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sapkal

(Vishvas Sapkal)

Shri. Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
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To **Mr. Vishvas Sapkal**
Second Secretary of the Embassy of India

Respectful Mr. Sapkal

In reference to your letter No.YER/CUL/327/1/2002 dated 21.01.2003 we would like to inform you that as a result of researches done in the funds of archives we have not found any document on the activities of Mr. Netaji Subhash Chandra Boss.

With respect

Director A. Harutiunian



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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated April 24, 2003

Dear Buren,

Please refer to my letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 1st January, 2003 forwarding a letter dated 27.11.2002 from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry regarding documents relating to the alleged cremation of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The Commission has been reminding us on the aforesaid issue and has now asked us to treat the matter as very urgent. I would, therefore, be grateful if the Japanese authorities could be asked to expedite their response.

Reg—

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Biren Nanda
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
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No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/16.

Kolkata, dated, April 11, 2003.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Alleged Cremation Permit in respect
of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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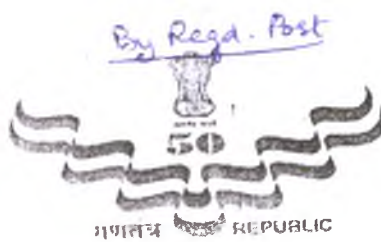
I am directed to refer to your letter No.
d.o. No. 25/4/NGO- Vol IX-I dated 11.02.03 and to
request you to kindly pursue the matter closely so
that the records and documents, as called for in
Commission's letter no. 432 dated 27.11.2002, are
made available to the Commission immediately in view
of the utmost importance of those records and
documents for the purpose of the inquiry of the
Commission.

This may please be treated as extremely
urgent.

Yours faithfully,

P. K. Sengupta

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated April 22, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to the Commission's letter No. Doc(For)/99-2000-56(IV)/398 dated 11.11.2002 relating to the archives in Russia. In this connection, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the reply received from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs through our Embassy in Moscow.

2. With reference to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/433 dated 27.11.2002 regarding inter alia documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the USA, forwarded herewith is the response from the National Archives of USA and Records Administration, Maryland. Our Mission in Washington is following up with the other institutions mentioned by the National Archives of USA. Also, as suggested by this institution, we have asked our Mission in London to check with the British Public Record Office regarding availability of records pertaining to the communication between General Mac Arthur and Lord Mountbatten on Netaji.

3. With reference to your letter No. Doc(For)/99-2000/56(IV)/620 dated 31.3.2003, I would like to inform that our Post in St. Petersburg has been reminded to send the desired report.

4. Please also refer to your letter No. Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/621 dated 1.4.2003. As desired by the Commission, the two letters have been forwarded to Moscow and St. Petersburg, respectively. As regards the Commission's request for taking up the matter with the Government of Russia of access to the archives of the Federal Security Bureau, we would like to draw your attention to the note verbale dated 28th June, 2001 from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (copy forwarded with our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 1.10.2001) which states that there are no records in this archive relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In this connection, we are enclosing another note verbale dated 20th March, 2003 from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterating the same position. In view of this, it is felt that another reference to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the same issue will not be of much use.

5. As desired by the Commission, we have asked our Embassy in Moscow to check with the witnesses indicated in the enclosure to the Commission's letter dated 1.4.2003 about their willingness to be examined by the Commission, and modalities of such examination.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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Encls: As above



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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated April 22, 2003

Dear *Vikas*,

This is regarding documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. As desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry, our Mission in Washington had approached the National Archives of USA and Records Administration, Maryland for access to records of **communication between General Mac Arthur and Lord Mountbatten relating to Netaji**. The National Archives of USA have now reverted suggesting that the requisite records may be available in the British Public Record Office. I would, therefore, request you to check with the Public Record Office about the existence of the aforesaid documents.

The Commission has also enquired about the names, addresses, e-mail addresses, fax numbers, etc., of the National Forensic Laboratories in the UK. The requisite information may be sent to us.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Vikas Swarup,
Counsellor(Pol)
High Commission of India,
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated April 22, 2003

Dear Venkatesh,

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I am forwarding herewith a letter received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry with the request that it may be delivered to the addressee.

The Commission has also sent us a list of witnesses in Russia submitted by Dr. Purabi Roy in an affidavit before the Commission (copy enclosed). The Commission desires that these witnesses may be approached to ascertain whether they would be available for examination by the Commission and, if so, the dates, hours and places when and where they would like to be examined as witnesses.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri D.B.Venkatesh Varma
Counsellor(Pol)
Embassy of India
Moscow

Encl: As above

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated April 22, 2003

Dear *Ashok*,

I am forwarding herewith a letter received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry with the request that it may be delivered to the addressee.

The Commission has again reminded us about the report that it desires on the outcome of further enquiry made by your Post pursuant to the communication dated 8th May, 2001 of Shri H.K.Jain, the then Consul, regarding location of witnesses. In this connection, our fax messages of 1st and 10th January, 2003 refer.

Warm reg

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Ashok K. Sharma
Consul General
Consulate General of India
St. Petersburg

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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14

April 10, 2003

**From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.**

By Speed Post

To
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001

Sub: Feasibility of the proposed DNA Test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan, for establishing real identity of the deceased.

Ref: D.O. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated March 26, 2003 addressed to the undersigned by Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the above-quoted d.o. letter dated March 26, 2003 (copy enclosed) and also the letters noted below (copies enclosed) which are self-speaking and will enable you to appreciate the backdrop of the former.

- (1. Report dated 12/18.11.2002 of Shri C. Rajsekhar, First Secretary, and Mr. T. Armstrong Changsan, Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Japan.
2. D.O. letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/23/83/443 dated 05.12.2002 addressed to Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad.
3. D.O. letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/444 dated 05.12.2002 addressed to Dr. S. E. Hasnain, Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics.
4. D.O. letter no. DCCMB/34 dated 10.12.2003, in reply to the Sl. No. 2 above, from Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB, Hyderabad.
5. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/469 dated 17.12.2002 addressed to Prof. Dr. Svanto Paabo, Director, Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Inselstrasse 22, D-

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04103, Leipzig, Germany.

6. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/468 dated 17.12.2002 addressed to Mr. T. Armstrong Changsan, Second Secretary, Embassy of India in Japan, in reference to the report dated 12/18.11.2002 of the joint inspection of the contents of the casket allegedly containing the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose made by him and Shri C. Rajsekhar (Sl. No. 1 at page 1).
7. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/481 dated 26.12.2002 addressed to Shri Aseem Maharajan, Second Secretary, Embassy of India in Japan.
8. Fax message dated 27.12.2002 from Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, in reference to the Commission's letter dated 26.12.2002 sent by Fax (Sl. No. 7 at page 1).
9. Fax message dated 30.12.2002 to Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, in reply to his Fax dated 27.12.2002 (Sl.No. 8 at page 1).
10. Letter dated 07.01.2003 from Mr. Svante Paabo, Director, Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Inselstrasse 22, D-04103, Leipzig, Germany in reply to (Sl. No. 5 at page 1).
11. Letter by e-mail to Mr. Terry Milton, Mitotyping Technologies, USA.
12. Letter by e-mail to Professor Sir Alec J. Jeffreys, Department of Genetics, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, UK.
13. Letter by e-mail dated from Mr. Terry Milton in reply to Sl. No. 11 above.
14. Reply to Sl. No. 12 above by e-mail dated 22.01.2003 from Professor Sir Alec J. Jeffreys.
- not read. ← 15. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/520 dated 27.01.2003 to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.
16. Fax dated 11.03.2003 to Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, as a reminder.
17. Letter no. EO/2002-2003/83/590 dated 13.03.2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.
18. Fax message from Shri Biren Nanda in reference to the Commission's Fax dated 11.03.2003 at Sl. No. 16 above)

The enclosed correspondence on the subject of the feasibility of DNA test on the alleged mortal remains kept in the Renkoji temple are more than sufficient to show the endeavours made by the Commission in this regard since the receipt of the report of the joint inspection of the contents of the casket containing the alleged mortal remains and the photographs of the contents of the casket from the Embassy of India in Japan. Unfortunately, till now there is no tangible result and time is running out fast.

In his Fax message dated 27.12.2002 (Sl. No. 8 in the list of correspondence) Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, assured the Commission that the Embassy "shall immediately solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones of the deceased at the Renkoji temple to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which DNA may be isolated for the purposes of a DNA test". Waiting in vain for a pretty long time for further communication from Shri Nanda, the Commission wrote to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, requesting him to take necessary action to expedite the matter (vide letter dated 13.03.2003 at Sl. No. 17). Ultimately, Shri Nanda sent a Fax message dated 27.03.2003 (vide Sl. No. 18) advising the Commission to "directly correspond with the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on this matter". In reply to the Commission's letter dated 13.03.2003 (vide Sl. No. 17), Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, has informed that they have referred the matter to your Ministry, which is the nodal Ministry, and that they will revert to the Commission as soon as your advice is received (vide his d.o. letter no. 24/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated 26.03.2003 a copy which is an enclosure to this letter).

In these circumstances, I am directed to request you to kindly extend all necessary help and assistance to the Commission in the matter of the proposed DNA test on the alleged mortal remains in the Renkoji temple in Japan.

The Directors of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad, and the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics were approached by the Commission for the purpose (vide letters at Sl. Nos. 2 & 3 at page 1). In his reply dated 10.12.2002 (vide letter at Sl. No. 4 at page 1), Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB, informed that laboratory facility for the proposed DNA test "does not exist in India." As advised by him, the Commission wrote to Prof. Dr. Svante Paabo, Department of Genetics, Max Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (vide letter at Sl. No. 5 at page 1). In his turn, Dr. Paabo advised the Commission to contact Mr. Terry Milton of Mitotyping Technologies, USA, and Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys, University of Leicester, UK (vide letter at Sl. No. 10 at page 2). Copies of the letter written by Mr. Terry Milton and Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys in pursuance of the advice of Dr. Svante Paabo are at Sl. No. 11 and 12 at page 2.

Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys regretted his inability to assist the Commission in the matter (vide letter at Sl. No. 12 at page 2). He, however, recommended the UK Forensic Science Service in Birmingham, one of the National Forensic Science laboratories. He also named Dr. Lalji Singh, Director of the CCMB, Hyderabad, as "one obvious contact". It may be mentioned here that Prof. Sir Jeffreys was written to after contacting Dr. Lalji Singh. In the context of this letter of Prof. Sir Jeffreys the Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs was approached for help by the Commission (vide letter at Sl. N. 15 at page 2).

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Only positive reply in the matter has been received from Mr. Terry Milton (vide letter at Sl. No. 13 at page no. 2), but there is a precondition stipulated by him in the paragraphs 5 and 6 of his letter received by e-mail. This is "anthropological evaluation of the remains, including photography". He has categorically written, "We would like to receive the anthropologist's report prior to proceeding".

The Commission is now in a fix as to how anthropological evaluation and other necessary scientific tests of the alleged mortal remains kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan should be done for ascertaining the feasibility of DNA test on that mortal remains. I am, therefore, directed to request you to take necessary action as early as possible to enable the Commission to get necessary anthropological evaluation and other necessary tests done for taking the next step for DNA test on the alleged mortal remains.

This matter may kindly be treated as extremely urgent.

Yours faithfully,

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(P.K. Sengupa)
Secretary

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April 10, 2003

Copy with a copy each of the enclosures is forwarded for information and necessary action to Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-11001.



(P.K. Sengupa)
Secretary



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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated March 26, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

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Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/590 dated 13.3.2003 regarding soliciting the services of an expert for examining the mortal remains kept at the Renkoji Temple.

I would like to inform you that we have referred the matter for advice to the Ministry of Home Affairs in their capacity of the nodal Ministry. We will revert as soon as their decision/advice is received.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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C. Rajasekhar
First Secretary

T. Armstrong Changsan
Second Secretary

November 12, 2002

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Respected Sir,

As per your desire, we went on October 24, 2002 to the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo and opened the casket alleged to be containing the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The time was between 1530 to 1630 hours, and the casket was opened in the presence of the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple, Rev. Koshi Mochizuki and his wife.

Photographs were taken during the process, and two sets containing eight photographs each are enclosed. Their description is as follows:

Plate 1: In the foreground is the casket wrapped in cloth, with the handwritten word "NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE". Normally the casket is kept inside the shrine which can be seen in the background of the photograph. The shrine is enclosed in a glass cage.

Plate 2: This reveals the contents of the wooden casket. There were pieces of what appeared to be bone fragments, greyish in colour. In addition, a bundle of brown paper containing something can be seen.

Plate 3: Another view of the contents of the casket. Two of the flat pieces appear to be parts of the skull.

Plate 4: The brown paper bundle contained what appeared to be teeth and other bone fragments.

Plate 5: Another photo showing the contents of the brown paper bundle.

Plate 6: A photo of the contents of the casket without the brown paper bundle. The contents from below were picked up and placed on top, and the picture shows what appears to be a portion of the jaw, with recesses where teeth might have been.

Plate 7: Other contents of the box – more bone fragments.

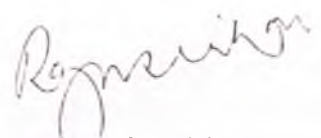
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Plate 8: (From L to R) First Secretary Mr. C. Rajasekhar, Renkoji Temple Chief Priest Rev. Koshi Mochizuki and Second Secretary Mr. T. Armstrong Changsan, standing in front of the casket and the shrine.

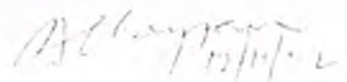
A note was also recorded and left behind at the temple that we had opened the casket on October 24, 2002.

Respectful regards.

Yours faithfully,



(C. Rajasekhar)
First Secretary



(T. Armstrong Changsan)
Second Secretary

Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee,
Chairman,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry
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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of
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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/443

December 05, 2002

Dear Dr. Singh,

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5/12/02

I am directed to write this letter to you seeking your valued opinion on a very important point relating to DNA Fingerprinting/Diagnostics. As advised by you in your d.o. letter No.DCCMB/34 dated 14 October, 2002, we have already taken up the matter of DNA tests of some specimens with Dr.Seyed E.Hasnain, Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics. As you are one of the pioneer scientists in the field of DNA Fingerprinting Technology in India and have been instrumental in setting up the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, I am to seek your valued opinion on a point which is very vital for the present probe into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

One of the points of enquiry before the Commission is whether the ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, Japan, are actually ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, who allegedly died in an alleged plane-crash at Taihoku on 18 August, 1945. As you know, the alleged disappearance of Netaji is still shrouded in mystery and this Commission has been set up to resolve the mystery.

At the request of the Commission during its recent visit to Japan, His Excellency the Indian Ambassador in Tokyo got the casket containing the alleged ashes of Netaji inspected by the First Secretary and the Second Secretary of the Indian Embassy. The Commission has received from the Indian Embassy the report of that inspection along with a few photographs of the contents of casket kept in the Renkoji Temple, Japan. A copy of the report dated 12/18 November, 2002 is sent herewith. I would request you to kindly go through this report and give your valued opinion as to whether DNA tests of mortal remains in the casket kept in the Renkoji Temple, as revealed by the said report, is possible to establish the identity of the deceased to whom the mortal remains belonged. Your valued opinion on this point will be of great help to the Commission for taking further steps in the matter in order to come to a definite conclusion as to whether the said mortal remains are of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, as alleged.

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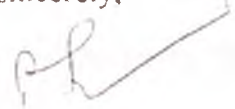
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I am to request you to kindly treat this matter as **extremely urgent** and send your views on the points **confidentially** as early as possible.

Expecting an early reply and with warm regards.


Yours sincerely,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As above.

To
Dr. Lalji Singh
Director
Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology
Uppal Road
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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
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to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)
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D.O. No. JMCI/ EO/2002-2003/83/444

December 05, 2002

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Dr. Hasnain,

You are perhaps aware that one of the points for enquiry before this Commission is whether the alleged ashes kept in a casket in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo are the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, who allegedly died in an alleged plane-crash on 18 August, 1945. At the request of the Commission, during its recent visit to Japan, His Excellency the Indian Ambassador in Japan got the contents of the casket in the Renkoji Temple, Japan, inspected by the First Secretary and the Second Secretary of the Indian Embassy in Japan. The Commission has recently received the report of the casket along with a few photographs of the contents of the said casket. I am sending herewith a copy of the report dated 12/18 November, 2002.

I am to request you to kindly go through the enclosed report and give your valued opinion on the point as to whether it is possible to conduct DNA test of the mortal remains in the casket, as revealed by the report, in order to establish the identity of the deceased to whom the mortal remains belonged. If it is possible, the Commission may kindly be advised as to the nature of the specimens that may be necessary for conducting DNA tests of the said mortal remains to establish the identity of the deceased.

This matter may kindly be treated as **extremely urgent** and **confidential**. I am to request you to kindly send confidentially your valued opinion as early as possible.

Expecting an early reply and with warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As above.

To
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Dr. Lalji Singh
Director



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SPEED POST

No.DCCMB/34
December 10, 2002

Dr. P K Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
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Mirza Ghalib Street
Kolkata - 700 087

Dear Dr. Sengupta,

Please refer to your D.O.Ltr.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/443, dated December 05, 2002 seeking my valued opinion relating to DNA Fingerprinting in the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. I have gone through the enclosed Xerox copy of the letter describing the content of the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the casket kept at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. It appears there are small pieces which appeared to be pieces of bones. What is not clear whether these pieces are collected from the burnt debris? If these are collected from the burnt ashes then it will not be possible to isolate DNA from this. DNA would have been completely destroyed. However, if these are remains of bones (not burnt bone), then presence of DNA is expected which may be in degraded form but still usable for establishing identity. For doing this, one needs a very special facility which is used for the study of ancient DNA to ensure that there is no contamination from the laboratory while doing the test. Such laboratory facility does not exist in India. In CCMB, we are in the process of creating one for which we have recently received a grant from the Department of Biotechnology. However, it will take some time before the facility is ready. There is one laboratory in Germany (Address and Contact Person: Prof. Dr. Svante Paabo, Director, Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Inselstrasse 22, D-04103, Leipzig, Germany; Tel. No. 00-49-341-9952-301; Fax No. 00-49-341-9952-555; Email: paabo@eva.mpg.de), which is a pioneer in ancient DNA study. They have a full-fledged facility. They may be approached to undertake this study. However, before we undertake the study, we have to ensure the following:

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1. The remains of the bone pieces are not burnt

2. There is blood sample available from Netaji's relations particularly from the female descendants of his maternal side i.e. his sister or his sister's children who would have inherited mitochondrial DNA from his mother. Since mitochondrial DNA is inherited only from maternal side, these will be very good for establishing relatedness by DNA sequence comparison. If we are able to isolate DNA successfully, we could also use y-DNA comparison from his or his brother's sons and their descendants. Thus blood samples have to be made available. However, before we venture through all these, one has to ensure successful isolation of DNA from the remains of the bones. I hope you will find this information useful. I will be delighted to answer any question or extend any possible help within my capabilities to help you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

L. Singh

[Lalji Singh]

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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/469

December 17, 2002

To
Prof. Dr. Svante Paabo
Director
Department of Genetics
Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology
Inselstrasse 22, D-04103
Lieipzig, Germany.

Sir,

This Commission has been set up by the Government of India for inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Though some people claim that he died in an alleged plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945, still his alleged disappearance is shrouded in mystery. After his alleged death he was allegedly cremated in a crematorium at Taihoku and his alleged ashes were preserved in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. The points of inquiry before the Commission include, inter-alia, the following:-

- 1) Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose died in the alleged plane crash ;
- 2) Whether the alleged ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan are the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose ;

For a thorough and scientific probe into the aforesaid two points of inquiry the Commission wants to know the feasibility of DNA test of the alleged ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple. A recent inspection of the casket allegedly containing the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has revealed that the casket kept in the Temple appears to contain: -

- a) Some pieces of bone fragments, greenish in colour;
- b) Two flat pieces appearing to be parts of the skull;
- c) A brown paper bundle containing what appears to be teeth and other bone fragments ;
- d) A thing what appears to be a portion of the jaw with recesses where teeth might have been;
- e) More bone fragments;

The Commission now wants to know whether it is feasible to conduct DNA test of the aforesaid mortal remains in order to find out the identity of the deceased. You have been referred to the Commission by Dr. Lalji Singh, Director of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, India. I am enclosing a copy of the letter of Dr. Lalji Singh which will speak for itself.

I am to request you to kindly let the Commission know about the feasibility of DNA test of the aforesaid mortal remains for establishing the identity of the deceased. If it is feasible, the Commission may kindly be informed of the procedure to be followed, steps to be taken and the costs of the DNA test payable by the Commission.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/468

December 17, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

Confidential

To
Mr. T. Armstrong Changsan
Second Secretary
Embassy of India
2-11 Kudon - Minami 2 - Chome
Chiyodo-Ku
Tokyo - 120 007
Japan

Reg: The Joint Inspection Report dt: 12/18 November, 2002 of you and Shri Raj Sekhar, the then First Secretary in the Embassy of India in Japan, regarding the contents of the casket alleged to be containing the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji Temple, Japan.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to request you to kindly refer to the above-quoted report dt: 12/18 November, 2002 and the photographs sent along with that report.

A copy of your above-quoted report was sent to the Director of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, India, with the request to let the Commission know whether DNA test could be conducted on the bones, which the casket in Renkoji Temple appeared to contain during your joint inspection, in order to ascertain the identity of the deceased to whom the bones belonged. In reply to that letter of the Commission, Dr Lalji Singh, Director, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, India, has informed that, if these bones were collected from the burnt ashes, then it would not be possible to isolate DNA from the bones for the purpose of conducting the DNA test. The relevant portion of the letter of Dr. Lalji Singh is reproduced below:-

"What is not clear whether these pieces are collected from the burnt debris? If these are collected from the burnt ashes then it will not be possible to isolate DNA from

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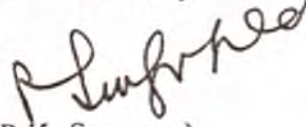
this DNA would have been completely destroyed. However, if these are remains of bones (not burnt bone), then presence of DNA is expected which may be in degraded form but still usable for establishing identity."

In this perspective, I am to request you to kindly let the Commission know whether the bones which you had seen and got photographed during the joint inspection of the casket in the Renkoji Temple, Japan, by you and Shri Raj Sekhar are remains of burnt bones or pieces of unburnt bones.

Your reply on this point is urgently necessary for proceeding further in the matter. This may therefore be kindly treated as **extremely urgent**.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/481

December 26, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

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To
Shri Aseem R. Mahajan,
Second Secretary,
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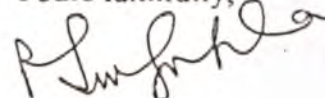
Reg: The Joint Inspection of the contents of the Casket alleged to be containing the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji temple, Japan.

Ref : D.O. letter No.TOK/102/03/2001 dated December 19, 2002 of Shri Aseem R. Mahajan, Second Secretary of the Embassy of India in Tokyo addressed to the Secretary of the Commission in reply to my letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/468 dated 17.12.2002.

Sir,

Inviting your notice to the above, I am directed to request you to kindly send the report asked for in my above-quoted letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/468 dated 17.12.2002 after getting the contents of the Casket, alleged to be containing the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, in the Renkoji temple, Japan, examined afresh preferably by or in collaboration with a competent expert, since the required report is likely to be the basis for deciding whether or not the Government of India should be approached for bringing those ashes (mortal remains) to India for subjecting them to DNA test. For ready reference, a copy of my letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/468 dated 17.12.2002 is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)
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Reference your fax of December 26, 2002. As conveyed to the Hon'ble Commission by Second Secretary Aseem Mahajan in response to your fax of December 26, 2002, both Second Secretary Armstrong and First Secretary Rajasekhara have departed for postings in the Embassies of India in Lagos, Nigeria and the Port of Spain in Guyana respectively.

The Embassy shall immediately solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones of the deceased at the Renkoji Temple to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which DNA may be isolated for the purposes of a DNA test.

This process however may take some time and would involve certain expenditure. We shall be reverting to the Hon'ble Commission for permission to make the necessary expenditure after making local enquiries.

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Thanks for your fax message dated December 27, 2002 in reply to my fax of December 17, 2002 regarding examination of the mortal remains kept at the Renkoji Temple in Japan with the help of a competent expert to ascertain whether DNA may be isolated from the said mortal remains for the purposes of DNA test. I am to say that your prompt reply tends to show that you have fully appreciated the importance and urgency of the matter.

I am, therefore, to request you to kindly expedite the re-examination of the said mortal remains and send the report of the re-examination to the Commission as early as possible.

Warm regards,



(P.K.Sengupta)

Max-Planck-Institut für evolutionäre Anthropologie

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7 January 2003

Dear Mr. Sengupta,

Thank you for your letter. The chance to retrieve usable DNA from burnt bones depends to a large extent on how thoroughly the bones were burnt and at what temperature. Also, the success of a project like this would of course depend on having reliable reference samples from the person him- or herself or from close relatives. Overall, my guess would be that the chances of success are quite limited.

We ourselves are not in a position to perform service work. There is a number of companies in the United States that perform such work. I know that one of these companies with which Professor Mark Stoneking who now works with us here was previously associated is: Mitotyping Technologies. The e-mail address of the contact person Terry Melton is tmelton@mitotyping.com, and their website is www.mitotyping.com.

This company, or another one, would be my first advice to you. Another alternative would be to try to contact for example Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys at the University of Leicester Institute of Genetics who has performed identification work of important personalities in the past. However, I do not know if he is in a position to take on this case.

I hope this is of some help to you.

Sincerely yours,

Svante Pääbo, Ph.D., Drs. *h.c.*
Professor of Genetics and Evolutionary Biology
Director, MPI-EVA

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From: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
To: <twm107@mitotyping.com>
Cc: <paabo@eva.mpg.de>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 5:25 PM
Subject: DNA tests on Mortal remains

To

Mr. Terry Milton,

Mitotyping Technologies,

USA

Dear Sir,

This Commission has been set up by the Government of India for inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Through some people claim that he died in an alleged plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945, still his alleged disappearance is shrouded in mystery. After his alleged death he was allegedly cremated in a crematorium at Taihoku and his alleged ashes were preserved in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. The points of inquiry before then Commission include, inter-alia, the following :-

1. Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose died in the alleged plane crash,
2. Whether the alleged ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;

A recent inspection of the casket allegedly containing the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has revealed that the casket, which is lying in the Renkoji Temple in Japan, appears to contain;

- a. Some pieces of bone fragments greenish in colour;
- b. Two flat pieces appearing to be parts of the skull;
- c. A brown paper bundle containing what appears to be teeth and other bone fragments;
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- e. More bone fragments;

For a through and scientific probe into the points of inquiry, the Commission wants to get DNA tests done on the mortal remains in the casket kept in the Renkoji Temple in order to establish the identity of the deceased to whom the mortal remains belonged. Now the question is whether DNA tests can be conducted on the said mortal remains for the purpose indicated above if blood samples are made available from both paternal and maternal lineages of Subhas Chandra Bose. In other words, the Commission wants to know about the feasibility of DNA tests on the mortal remains for the purpose

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in establishing the identity of deceased. Dr. Svante Paabo of the Max-Planck-Institut fur evolutionare Anthropologie of Leipzig, Germany, was approached by the Commission with a request to let the Commission know whether it was feasible to conduct DNA tests on the mortal remains in the casket in the Renkoji Temple for establishing the identity of the deceased. He referred us to you and furnished us with your email address.

I am, therefore, to request you to kindly let the Commission know whether it is feasible to conduct DNA test on the aforesaid mortal remains for establishing the identity of the deceased, assuming that blood samples from his relatives both on the paternal side and the material side will be available.

If it is feasible, the Commission may be informed of the procedure to be followed, steps to be taken and the costs of the DNA tests payable by the Commission.

An early reply will be highly appreciated,

With regards,

Sincerely yours,

P. K. Sengupta,

Secretary,

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Siubhas Chandrta Bose, 11A Mirza Galib Street, 3rd Floor, Kolkata-700087, Tel-Fax no. 91-33-2252-2765

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To: <ajj@leicester.ac.uk>
Cc: <paabo@eva.mpg.de>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2003 2:51 PM
Subject: DNA tests on Mortal remains

To

Professor Sir Alec J. Jeffreys

Department of Genetics,

University of Leicester,

University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH,

United Kingdom

Sir,

This Commission has been set up by the Government of India for inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Though some people claim that he died in an alleged plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945, still his alleged disappearance is shrouded in mystery. After his alleged death he was allegedly cremated in a crematorium at Taihoku and his alleged ashes were preserved in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. The points of inquiry before this Commission include, inter-alia, the following :-

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If it is feasible, the Commission may be informed of the procedure to be followed, steps to be taken and the costs of the DNA tests payable by the Commission.

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From: Terry Melton <twm107@mitotyping.com>
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Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 7:44 PM
Subject: Re: DNA tests on Mortal remains

Dear Mr. Sengupta,

We would be pleased to attempt mitochondrial DNA analysis of the remains to which you refer. This test would make a comparison between the skeletal fragments and the maternal lineage of the individual in question.

Our experience is that cremated remains are very unlikely to give a DNA profile. Having said that, we agree to test them if recognizable teeth or other anatomically identifiable parts remain. The analysis, besides being a standard forensic mitochondrial DNA test, includes an attempt to recover degraded DNA if that is necessary.

The cost for the test is \$2,500 USD per sample. If no DNA is recovered, we reduce the fee to \$1,000 per sample. It would be advisable for you to decide how many attempts you would like to make, for example, how many times you want us to try (how many samples) before stopping. We don't generally make more than two or three attempts in any case.

If the test successfully recovers DNA, we would need a reference sample (blood or cheek swab) from a maternally related individual for comparison. This sample would cost \$1,500 USD.

We recommend a thorough anthropological evaluation of the remains, including photography. The examiners of the remains should refrain from excessive handling of the remains, and should wear sterile and frequently-changed gloves during the evaluation. If the remains are at all moist, they should be stored in the freezer prior to DNA analysis.

We would like to receive the anthropologist's report prior to proceeding. From this report, we will suggest the remains to be tested in our lab.

Please let me know if you have other questions.

Terry Melton

At 05:25 PM 1/21/2003 +0530, you wrote:

To

Mr. Terry Milton,

Mitotyping Technologies,

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To: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2003 3:21 PM
Subject: Re: DNA tests on Mortal remains

Dear Mr Sengupta

thank you for your enquiry concerning the very important case of Chandra Bose. I am afraid that I cannot be of assistance in this matter - my laboratory has not been involved directly in forensic DNA analysis for 10 years and we are neither equipped nor accredited for this type of investigation. Instead, I would strongly recommend that you contact one of the national forensic service laboratories, for example the UK Forensic Science Service in Birmingham, who are fully tooled up to perform the complex analysis required in this case. It might also be worth exploring options in India - one obvious contact would be Dr Lalji Singh, director of the CCMT in Hyderabad.

Finally, I would note that DNA typing would be impossible on ashes, and may well prove impossible on the additional bone samples if they have been subjected to high temperatures. Even if they have not been heated, success is still not guaranteed. In this type of analysis, one has to be pragmatic, seeing whether any human DNA can be recovered - if no DNA is recoverable, then typing cannot be performed.

Please accept my sincere apologies for not being able to be of assistance.

Regards

Alec Jeffreys

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--On Wednesday, January 22, 2003 2:51 pm +0530 JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in> wrote:

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No. JMC/EO/2002-03/83/520.

Kolkata, dated, 27.01.2003.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the communication dated January 22, 2003 made by the Commission with Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys, Department of Genetics, University of Leicester, UK and his reply dated January 22, 2003 thereto, both sent by e-mail and to request you to kindly obtain names, addresses, e-mail addresses, Fax Nos. etc. of the National Forensic Service Laboratories in UK through the Indian High Commission in UK and send those to the Commission immediately.

Yours faithfully,

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(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As stated above.

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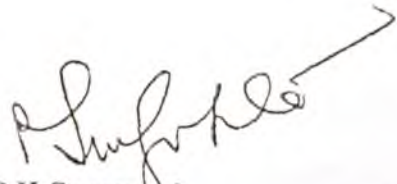
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| To | Embassy of India in Japan | Fax No. | 81-3-3234-4866 |
| For | Shri Biren Nanda, Charg d' Affaires | From | P K Sengupta, Secretary |
| Rptd | | Date | 11.03.2003 |
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**SUB : OPINION AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF DNA TESTS ON
THE MORTAL REMAINS KEPT IN RENKOJI
TEMPLE,JAPAN**

Kindly refer to your fax of December 26, 2002 on the aforesaid subject.
No further communication in this regard has yet been received from your end.

I am to request you to kindly refer to the last and the penultimate paras of
your above-quoted fax dated December 26, 2002 and send the report, as asked for
by the Commission, as early as possible in order to enable the Commission to
take further necessary action in the matter.

With warm regards,


(P.K.Sengupta)

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No. JMCII/EO/2002-2003/83/590.

Kolkata, dated, 13th March'03.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.


S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the FAX message dated December 27, 2002 received from Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs Embassy of India in Japan, which speaks for itself, and to request you to kindly appreciate the importance and urgency of the matter and take necessary action so that the Commission receives the opinion of a competent expert immediately on whether any material exists in the mortal remains allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept at the Renkoji temple in Japan from which D.N.A. may be isolated for the purposes of D.N. A. tests, as called for by the Commission from the Embassy of India in Tokyo.

This may kindly be treated as urgent.

Enclosure: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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| To | Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry | Fax No. | 033-252-2765 |
| For | Shri PK Sengupta Secretary | From | Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affaires |
| Rptd | 1. Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary(CNV) 2. Shri Nalin Surie, Additional Secretary(EA) | Date | December 27, 2002 |
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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry

This refers to your fax of March 11, 2003 directing the Embassy to take further action as early as possible on the subject of DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of the departed leader, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

We would be grateful if the Hon'ble Commission could directly correspond with the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on this matter. The concerned official is Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi, with whom the Hon'ble Commission has corresponded earlier.

With kind regards.


(Biren Nanda)

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21 March 2003

Dear Sir,

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Kindly refer to your D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 3 December 2002 regarding observations made by Justice Mukherjee Commission.

2. We had conveyed the observations of the Commission to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting clarification on the lines indicated in the letter under reference. In this connection, kindly find enclosed note verbale No. 1907/3DA dated 20 March 2003 from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as its English translation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(D.B. Venkatesh Varma)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

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Министерство Иностранных Дел Российской Федерации свидетельствует свое уважение Посольству Республики Индии в Москве и, ссылаясь на ноту Посольства № SA/10/03 от 8 января 2003 г. и ноту Министерства № 142/ЗДА от 28 июня 2001 года, имеет честь сообщить следующее.

В федеральных архивах: Российском государственном военном архиве (РГВА), Российском государственном архиве социально-политической истории (РГАСПИ), Государственном архиве Российской Федерации (ГАРФ), Российском государственном историческом архиве Дальнего Востока (РГИА ДВ) было проведено выявление документов, связанных с судьбой С.Ч.Боса. В фондах ГАРФ, РГВА, РГИА ДВ запрашиваемых сведений не обнаружено.

Копии документов, выявленных в РГАСПИ, были направлены в Посольство в 2001 году.

В Центральном архиве ФСБ России, Центральном архиве Министерства обороны Российской Федерации, в отделе рукописей Российской Государственной Библиотеки и в Российском государственном архиве фотодокументов (РГАКФД) каких-либо сведений о судьбе С.Ч.Боса не выявлено.

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Дополнительно сообщаем, что личный архив Евы Яковлевны Люстерник был передан после ее смерти в Институт Востоковедения РАН, а открытая часть фонда И.В.Сталина была передана из Архива Президента Российской Федерации в РГАСПИ.

Министерство пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить Посольству Республики Индии уверения в своем высоком уважении.

Москва, «20» марта 2003 года



Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Russian Federation

No. 1907/3DA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in Moscow and, with reference to the Embassy's note verbale No. SA/10/03 dated 8 January 2003 and the Ministry's note verbale No. 142/3DA dated 28 June, 2001 has the honour to inform you about the following:

A search was conducted for documents related to the fate of S.C. Bose in the following federal archives:

Russian State Military Archive (RGVA), Russian State Archives of Socio-Political History (RGASPI), State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF), and Russian State Historical Archives of the Far East (RGIA DV). The information requested for was not found in the GARF, RGVA and RGIA DV archives.

Copies of the documents found in the RGIA DV Archives were sent to the Embassy in 2001.

No information has been found about the fate of S.C. Bose in the Central Archives of the Russian FSB, the Central Archives of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation, in the manuscript section of the Russian State Library or in the Russian State Archives of Photographic Documents (RGAKFD).

We would also like to inform that the personnel archives of Eva Yakovlevna Lyusternik were sent after her death to the Russian Academy of Sciences', Institute of Oriental Studies and the open part of the archival material on I.V. Stalin was sent from the archives of the President of the Russian Federation to RGASPI.

The Ministry would like to use this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of India the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow, 20th March 2003

Embassy of the Republic of India
Moscow

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NO. JMCI/STAT.REPT./99-2000/33A (II)/626 (7)

April 02, 2003

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)

Officer on Special Duty

- To :
1. The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
 2. The Secretary,
Ministry of Defence (History Division),
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 3. The Secretary,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India,
Akashbani Bhavan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
 4. The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office, Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 5. The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 6. The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.
 7. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

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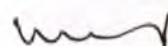
Subject : Status Report from 01.03.2003 to 31.03.2003.

Ref : Your Office letter No.I/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above

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STATUS REPORT
(From 01.03.2003 to 31.03.2003)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.02.2003 to 28.02.2003 forwarded under Commission's Registered letters No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/585(7) dated 07.03.2003 to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their end.
2. There has been no further development in the matters as stated in paras 2,3,4,5,8,10,11,12,13,14, and 15 of the aforesaid Status Report for the period from 01.02.2003 to 28.02.2003.
3. (a) Hearing of the Commission was held on 26.03.2003 and 27.03.2003 in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata, when seven witnesses were examined before the Commission.
(b) Orders in pursuance of the hearing of the Commission held on 09.01.2003 in respect of paragraph 7(a) of the Status Report as on 28.11.2002, were passed by the Hon'ble Chairman at the time of the hearing of the Commission on 26.03.2003.
(c) The next hearing of the Commission will be on April 03, 2003.
4. The Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in his d.o. letter dated 13.11.2002 addressed to the Hon'ble Chairman has stated inter alia :
".....since the Commission feels that these papers (i.e. classified British records on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) could be of vital importance with reference to its mandate, we have again taken up the issue of their release with the British Government and would keep you informed of the outcome in this regard."

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I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you of all possible assistance from our side to facilitate the inquiry of the Commission".

Since then the Ministry of External Affairs has sent a d.o. letter bearing No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(1) dated February 28, 2003 wherein it has been stated, inter alia, that the Indian Mission in London has taken up the matter with the authorities concerned in the U.K. and has been following up with them; but "till date no response has been received from the British authorities."

- 5 (a) In view of the assertions of some deponents that documents containing clinching evidence relating to the points of inquiry of the Commission are in the possession and/or under the control of different foreign Departments, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India was requested on 11.11.2002, (apropos the Hon'ble Chairman's discussions with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India held on 28.10.2002), to take up the matter with the Government of the U.K., the U.S.A., Japan, Taiwan, Russia, all other States which are now sovereign but previously within the erstwhile USSR, Thailand, Malayasia, Singapore, Vietnam, Germany, Ireland, etc. to make available or accessible to the Commission at their earliest convenience, all relevant documents which are in the possession and/or under the control of the aforesaid Governments and/or in the various archives of those countries. In response, a list of archives in Kazakhstan and the name, address, etc. of one archive in Kyrgyzstan have been received on 10.02.2003, lists of archives of Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Armenia and the name and telephone No. of one archive in Georgia, have been received on 25.02.2003, and lists of archives in Belarus and Lithuania have been received on 11.03.2003. The Ministry of External Affairs has stated in their d.o. letters dated February 28, 2003 that the National Archives of Turkmenistan do not have any information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose; that the Ministry of External Affairs has asked the Indian Mission in Moscow to check with the Russian Foreign Office about the presence of any relevant documents in the archives of the Russian Federation with specific references to the archives mentioned in the list of Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy; that the Indian Mission in the Russian Federation is checking with the Russian Foreign Office regarding the points raised by the Commission in

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its letter No. 398 dated 11.11.2002 concerning the list of archives in the Russian Federation, that the Indian Mission in Belarus "has also informed that all requests for service from the listed archives must be specific and all services rendered are charged"; and that information from the remaining countries are being procured and will be sent to the Commission as soon as received.

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- (b) The Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/599 dated March 21, 2003 to kindly send immediately a copy of the reply received by the Indian Mission, Turkmenistan which was not received along with the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I) dated 28.02.2003 as stated therein. He was also requested to kindly ask the Indian Mission in Belarus to inquire locally and report immediately whether any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose are available in the Archives in Belerus and Lithuania. He was further requested to kindly ask the Indian Missions in Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Armenia, and Georgia to make local inquiries and report immediately as to whether any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and relevant to the inquiry of the Commission are available in the Archives of those countries.
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- (c) The Commission has also written on March 21, 2003 to the Director, National Museum of History of the Great Patriotic War, 1941-45, Archives of Ukraine, the Director, Central State Historical Archives of Ukraine, the Director General, Lithuanian State Archives System, the Director, Lithuanian State History Archive, the Director, Lithuanian Central State Archive, the Director, Lithuanian New State Archive, the Director, Lithuanian Special Archive, and the Director, Lithuanian Literature and Arts Archives, as also to the Chairman, Committee for Control Over Archives and Documentation, Kazakhstan (through H.E. Ambassador of India in Kazakhstan) with a request to kindly favour this Commission with their reports on whether any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose are available in their Archives and if so, to kindly furnish the particulars of such documents to this Commission as early as possible to facilitate its inquiry. The Lithuanian New State Archives has intimated that they do not have any documents concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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6. The reports solicited from the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/446 dated December 5, 2002 on the outcome of further inquiry pursuant to the communication dated May 8, 2001 of Shri Harish K. Jain, Consul, St. Petersburg, addressed to the Embassy of India, Moscow, a copy of which was enclosed with the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated October 31, 2002, is yet to be received.
7. The blood samples of Shri Subrata Bose and Shri Dwaraka Nath Bose, who are sons of the elder brothers of Netaji, as also of Shri Sadhan Kar, who is a descendent from the maternal lineage of Netaji, were collected by the Commission on 04.03.2003 and on that very day, an authorised officer of the Commission went to Hyderabad and deposited them with the Centre for D.N.A. Fingerprinting and Diagonistics, Hyderabad along with seven teeth found amongst the belongings allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' of Faizabad, for D.N.A. tests.
8. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested by the Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2000/432 dated November 27, 2002 to kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan the original Register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for Cremation Permit allegedly filed on 18.05.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for Cremation Permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original Death Certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and the original Death Certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura. A copy of the said letter along with copies of the enclosures thereto were also sent to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on November 27, 2002 by Registered Post. The Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India in their d.o. letter dated 11.02.2003 received by the Commission on 24.02.2003 has stated, inter alia, that the matter is under reference to the authorities concerned in Japan and that the Ministry "shall revert as soon as a response is received from the Japanese authorities". Further development in the matter is still awaited.


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To remind
St. Petersburg

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9. The Commission has been persistently asking the Ministry of Defence, Government of India for their affidavit on existence/non-existence/availability/non-availability, etc. of the complete records of the proceedings of the trial of the I.N.A. personnel. But no such affidavit has been filed by the Ministry of Defence as yet. They have also not stated categorically that all the files of the Ministry of Defence on INA/Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose were sent to the History Division of the Ministry of Defence; that the History Division of the Ministry of Defence transferred all those files to the National Archives of India on 26th August, 1997 and that none of the files on INA/Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is presently available with any of the Offices/Divisions/Authorities under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India. The Deputy Director, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Government of India has, however, stated in his letter No.2191/NIC/H/99 dated February 25, 2003 that all files pertaining to INA which were held by the History Division of the Ministry of Defence were transferred by them to the National Archives of India. In reply to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Stat.Rep./Compliance/2003/87/584 dated March 6, 2003, the Deputy Director of Archives, Government of India in his d.o. letter dated March 24, 2003 received by the Commission on 31.03.2003 has stated that "there are about 15 files which relate to trial/court-martial proceedings of I.N.A. personnel" and has furnished a list of the said 15 files.
10. On being requested by the Commission, the Indian Embassy in Japan agreed on December 27, 2002 to solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji temple "to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which D.N.A. test may be isolated for the purposes of a D.N.A. test." A reminder was sent to the said Indian Embassy by FAX on 11.03.2003. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/590 dated 13.03.2003 the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs was requested to take necessary action so that the Commission receives the opinion of a competent expert immediately on whether any material exists in the mortal remains allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept at the Renkoji Temple in Japan from which D.N.A. may be isolated for the purposes of D.N.A. tests, as called for by the Commission from the Embassy of India in Tokyo. Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs of the Embassy of India in Tokyo in his communication dated

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27.12.2002 (sic) sent by FAX and received by the Commission on 27.03.2003 has requested the Commission to correspond directly with the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on this matter.


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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NO. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70
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Kolkata, dated, 1st April '03.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith two letters addressed to Prof. E.N. Komorov of Moscow, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, and Prof. Y.V. Pechenko of St. Petersburg University, each accompanied by a copy of the Notification bearing No. Notfn. No./010/99/JMCI dated 3rd December, 1999 issued by the Commission, with a request to cause delivery of the said two letters with their enclosure to the respective addressees, by the Indian Embassy in Russia.

I am also directed to send herewith relevant extract of the Supplementary affidavit dated March 20, 2003 filed before the Commission by Dr. Purabi Roy and to request you to kindly approach the Government of Russia for access of the Commission to the Archives of the K.G.B. (F.S.B.), Federal Security Bureau, in view of the assertion made by Dr. Purabi Roy in her said Supplementary affidavit (vide relevant extract thereof enclosed).

I am further directed to send herewith a list of witnesses in Russia cited by Dr. Purabi Roy in her original affidavit dated June 8, 2000 and to request you to kindly cause verification through the Indian Embassy in Russian Union as to whether those cited Russian Witnesses will be available for their examination by the Commission and if so, to kindly ascertain and intimate to the Commission the convenience of the said persons as to the dates, hours and places when and where they like to be examined as witnesses.

Enclo. As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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(ii) Academician G.L. Bondarevsky - Immediate intervention from the government level and requested to arrange a letter from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, requesting Russian Govt. to permit the scholars to go through the documents. Letter should be addressed to the President B. Eltsin.

(iii) E.M. Morosov -

Journalist & former head of the Soviet Information Centre Calcutta & Delhi - Definitely some materials are existing which will help to get a clear view of the British USSR Policy.

Extract of Supplementary affidavit dated 20.03.2003
furnished by Dr. (Mrs. Purabi Roy), Deponent.

4. That presently I am on an assignment from August, 2002 as a visiting Professor of the Indian Department, Oriental Faculty, St. Petersburg University, St. Petersburg, Russia. I had occasion to interview Professor E.N. Komorov, Senior Research Professor Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, relating to the presence of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the USSR after August 1945, who stated that "Let us take it, this way. He was here and he died here." and that the archives of K.G.B.(F.S.B.) Federal Security Bureau can give the answer and that permission of the Government of Russia should be sought for by the Government of India. Similar was the view of Professor Y.V. Pechenko of the Department of Far Eastern Studies, Oriental Faculty St. Petersburg University, St. Petersburg, Russia.

6. That the list of the witnesses as proposed in the foregoing paragraphs are as follows :-

- (i) Professor E.N. Komorov
Senior Research Professor
Institute of Oriental Studies
Academy of Sciences, Moscow
Rozdestvenka Street 12
103771 Russia,
Russia Tel : (Moscow) 451-97-17
- (ii) Professor Y.V. Pechenko
Department of Far Eastern Studies
Oriental Faculty
St. Petersburg University
St. Petersburg - 199034 Russia,
Res. Tel : 371-42-15
- (iii) Puan Sri Datin Janaki Athi Nahappan
(Janaky Dewar) (Ex Member of Parliament)
60A Jalan Kuantan Kuala - Lumpur 53200
Malayasia
Tel : 00-603-40214132
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II) Kolkata, dated, March 28, 2003.
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Prof. E.N. Komorov,
Senior Research Professor,
Institute of Oriental Studies,
Academy of Sciences, Moscow,
Rozdestvenka Street 12
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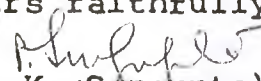
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to request you to kindly help the Commission in its inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, a highly respected National Leader of India, by making yourself available to the Commission for examination as a witness on some points relevant to the inquiry. A copy of the Notification No. Notfn/010/99/JMCI dated, 3rd December, 1999 issued by the Commission in this regard is sent herewith to enable you to have a clear idea about the points of inquiry of this Commission, set up by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs for unravelling the mystery shrouding this Great National Leader of India.

I would further request you to kindly indicate your convenience as to the dates, hours, and places when and where you might be examined as a witness by the Commission.

Enclo : As stated.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

NOTIFICATION

No. Notin/010.99/JMCI

Dated, Calcutta, the 3rd December 1999

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) & (2) of Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952); the Central Government vide its notification No. S.O.339(E) dated 14th May 1999, published in Part II, Section 3, sub-section (i) & (ii) of the Gazette of India, Extra-ordinary dated 14.5.99, has appointed a Commission of Inquiry comprising of Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee, a retired judge of the Supreme Court of India, to inquire into all the facts & circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including :-

- (a) whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (d) whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when & how;
- (e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

Besides, the Commission has been asked to examine the manner in which the exercise of scrutiny of publications touching upon the question of death or otherwise of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose can be undertaken by the Central Government in the circumstances:

Notice is hereby given that all individuals, group of persons, associations, institutions & organisations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the matters referred to the Commission and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters referred to the Commission as mentioned above, may furnish their statement relating and relevant to the aforesaid matters, to the Commission on any working day (except Saturdays, Sundays & holidays) between 10-00 a.m. & 3-00 p.m., either in person or by duly authorised agent or through registered post/speedpost at the office of the Commission at the place mentioned below, within two months of the publication of this notice.

Every such statement shall be accompanied by an Affidavit sworn in support of the averments made in the statement by the person furnishing the statement before a Metropolitan Magistrate or a Judicial Magistrate 1st Class or a Commissioner of Oath or any other persons authorised by law to administer oath.

Every person furnishing a statement as mentioned above shall also furnish to the Commission along with the statement a list of documents, if any, on which he proposes to rely and forward to the Commission, wherever practicable, the originals or true copies of such of the documents as may be in his possession or powers and shall state the name and address of the person from whom the remaining documents may be obtained.

Every affidavit, as stated above, shall be verified in the following manner :-

"Verified that the statements made in paragraphs ____ of the above affidavit are true to my personal knowledge and those in paragraphs ____ from information received and believed to be true by me."

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The Magistrate or Commissioner of Oath or Authority legally empowered to confer oath before whom the affidavit is sworn, shall make endorsements therein in the following manner :-

"Sworn before me by the deponent who is identified to my satisfaction by _____ or is personally known to me. The affidavit has been read out in full to the deponent who has signed it after admitting it to be correct, on this the _____ day of _____ 1999"

(Signature of the Magistrate.)

_____ The affidavit must state the occupation and the ordinary place of residence/abode of the deponent. If considered necessary, the deponent may file alongwith his affidavit a list of witnesses.

If the affidavit is in a language other than English, it shall be accompanied by a translation thereof in English duly authenticated by an advocate or a Magistrate.

It may be noted that the proceedings before the Commission are judicial proceedings within the meaning of Sections 193 & 228 of Indian Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860).

All statements, accompanied by affidavits, furnished in the manner stated above and within the time prescribed, may be addressed to :

Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
11A Mirza Ghalib Street, 3rd floor, Block 'B',
(South side of the old building)
Calcutta 700 087.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

P.K. Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Calcutta.

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No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)Kolkata, dated, 28th March '03.
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
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Oriental Faculty,
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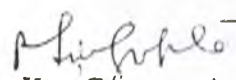
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Enclo : As stated.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(IV)/620.

Kolkata, dated, 31st March '03.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Director(CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Re : D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated
October 31, 2002 of Shri Vijay
Gokhale, Joint Secretary(CNV),
M.E.A., Govt. of India.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to this Commission's
letter No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(IV)/446 dated
05.12.2002, I am directed to state that reply thereto
from your end is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to send
the report as solicited in the aforesaid letter dated
05.12.2002 of the Commission, as expeditiously as
possible.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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Dr. Subhakanta Behera
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No. WAS/Pol/845/2/2003

March 25, 2003

Dear Shri Gokhale,

S.No. 240/e in Vol. VIII

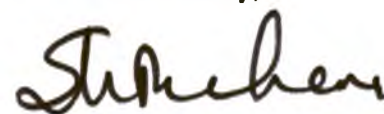
Please refer to your letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated January 31, 2003 addressed to DCM on Justice Mukherjee Commission.

I had taken up the matter with the National Archives of USA and Records Administration, Maryland. On the information sought by us, they have given the detailed comments and I am forwarding herewith their letter including a US Army intelligence report dated 11 October 1945.


As suggested by the National Archives, I will be separately writing to other libraries and archives for the materials on Netaji. However, you may like to ask our High Commission in London to pursue with the Public Record Office in Richmond for the material that is indicated by the letter from the National Archives.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. S.K. Behera)

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Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block, New Delhi

Encl. As above



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National Archives and Records Administration

8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

March 13, 2003

S. K. Behera
Counsellor
Embassy of India
(Chancery)
2107 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Dr. Behera:

I am responding to your letter to Ms. Patrice Murray of March 10, 2003, regarding Subas Chandra Bose and the records at the National Archives and Records Administration at College Park, Maryland.

We could not locate any communications of General MacArthur with Lord Mountbatten and President Truman regarding Mr. Bose. It is possible that the Truman Presidential Library, the MacArthur Memorial Library, and the British Public Record Office would have copies of the correspondence you requested. Their addresses are:

MacArthur Memorial Library
MacArthur Square
Norfolk, VA 23510

Harry S. Truman Library
500 West U.S. Highway 24
Independence, MO 64050-1798

Public Record Office,
Kew
Richmond, Surrey
TW9 4DU
United Kingdom

We also could not locate a U.S. Navy intelligence report regarding Bose's activities from August 17 to 25, 1945. We did, however, locate a U.S. Army intelligence report indicating that he died at approximately 9pm on August 18, 1945; that he was cremated on August 22 or 23, 1945; and that the remains arrived in Tokyo, Japan on September 6, 1945. We are enclosing a copy of this report which is File Number 211203 of the Formerly Security-Classified Numerical Series of

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Intelligence Documents ("ID File") June 1944-1955 (Entry 85A), Records of the Administrative Division of the Army Chief of Staff, Intelligence (G-2). These records are part of the Records of the Army Staff (Record Group 319) and were declassified in fiscal year 1974.

You will need to contact Princeton University for archival records they have and the Library of Congress and some other large library for the 1954 article that appeared in the magazine *National Republic*.

For Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) records regarding Mr. Bose you will need to contact that agency at:

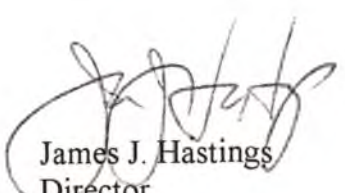
Information and Privacy Coordinator,
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505.

The records of the Central Intelligence Agency's predecessors, the Office of Strategic Services (1942-1945) and the Strategic Services Unit (1945-1946) are held by the National Archives. We have several indexes to these records that you or your representative(s) and/or the Justice Mukerjee Commission are welcome to use to identify records relating to Mr. Bose.

There are similar indexes to the Formerly Security-Classified Numerical Series of Intelligence Documents ("ID File") June 1944-1955 (Entry 85A) referenced above, as well as other military and naval intelligence records. There are undoubtedly records related to Mr. Bose in the records of the American Embassy and Consulates in India and a check of the indexes of the Central File of the General Records of Department of State (Record Group 59) indicates 7 references to him for the 1940-1949 period. action?

We are willing to assist the Indian Government identify records to use in our research room, but we are unable to undertake the research ourselves. For information about doing research at the National Archives, including hours, location, and procedures, please see the Research Room section of our agency's website: www.archives.gov. Additionally, I have ask Dr. Greg Bradsher on my staff to answer any questions you may have regarding records and research at the National Archives. He may be reached on 301-837-1535.

Sincerely,


James J. Hastings
Director

Textual Archives Services Division

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

AG 201 Bose (16 Sep 45)GB

11 October 1945

SUBJECT: Death of Subhas Chandra Bose

TO : Chief of Staff, War Department, Washington, 25, D. C.
(Attn: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2)

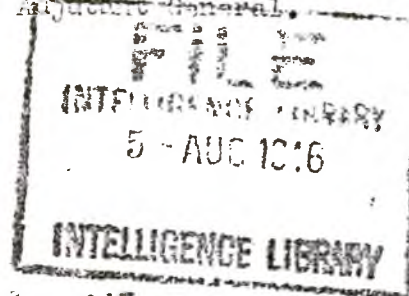
1. Reference is made to War Department radio W 65374 of 18 September regarding the death of Indian Puppet Leader, Chandra Bose, and reply thereto by this headquarters in radio ZAX 5634 of 19 September.

2. Bose's former deputy Chief of Staff and Aide de Camp, Rahman Khan, who survived the airplane accident, was interrogated in Tokyo. A resume is transmitted herewith as Inclosure 1.

FOR THE SUPREME COMMANDER:

H. W. Allen
H. W. ALLEN,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Asst Adjutant General.

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S/I, Subj: As Above.



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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION - Subhas Chandra Bose Continued

On 22 August 1945, the body was admitted to the hospital crematory and on 23 August 1945, the ashes were removed by Nakamura and Major Nakatome.

Rahman advised that on 31 August 1945, he was removed to the Japanese Army Hospital at Mukto, Formosa. On 4 September 1945, he accompanied the ashes of Bose to Gifu, Honshu, Japan, from where he traveled by rail to Tokyo, arriving on 8 September 1945. Rahman was met by 2d Lt (FAC) Masagawa, a Japanese representative of the General Staff, who took him to Mr. Rama Murti's residence. Due to the crowded conditions, Rahman moved to the residence of Mrs. A. M. Sahay, Kamionikubo, 1 chome #103, Tokyo, where he remained for five or six days. Arrangements were made for him to remain with Mr. Rama Murti until such time as his residence could be prepared for occupancy.

The ashes of Bose were delivered to Rama Murti who retained them until 13 September 1945, at which time prayers were held and the ashes placed in the Renkogi Temple. The services were attended by numerous Indian Nationals in Tokyo.

According to Rahman, photos were taken at the scene of the crash and also at the hospital after the death of Bose. The photos are at present in possession of the "Japanese War Office" in Tokyo.

Rahman further added that he was questioned by Lt Masagawa relative to the death of Mr. Bose some time between 7 and 10 September 1945.

At the time of departure from Singapore, Bose carried with him four pieces of luggage and one briefcase which contained personal effects and official correspondence. At Saigon, he was forced to leave one of the pieces because of the overload on the aircraft, whereupon he rearranged his luggage and disposed of portions of his personal clothing. Mr. Bose's personal effects and the official correspondence were destroyed at the time of the accident.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC
441st Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment

ADVANCE EDITION
APO SPO
22 September 1945

SUBJECT: Death of Subhas Chandra Bose

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information concerning the circumstances of the death of Subhas Chandra Bose, head of the Indian National Army, was obtained on 24 September 1945, through interview of Habib ur Rahman Khan, former Deputy Chief of Staff and Aide to Camp to Bose, at the Tokyo residence of Rama Murti, head of the Indian Independence League:

Rahman held the rank of Colonel and was the Deputy Chief of Staff under Chief of Staff, Major General J. X. Bhonsle. He was also the Aide de Camp to Bose, with headquarters in Singapore, China. Rahman revealed that on 16 August 1945 he accompanied Bose on a proposed trip to Tokyo, Japan, to negotiate with the Japanese Government as to the disposition of the India National Army, but the plane in which they were riding crashed and Bose was killed. The following is the itinerary described by Rahman:

16 August 1945

1030 Departed Singapore
1530 Arrived Bangkok - Remained overnight

17 August 1945

0800 Departed Bangkok
1100 Arrived Saigon - Changed planes
1700 Departed Saigon
1945 Arrived Tourane, French Indo China
Remained overnight

18 August 1945

0700 Departed Tourane
1400 Arrived Taihoku - ate lunch
1435 Departed Taihoku - plane crashed

According to Rahman, the plane had not gained much altitude after the take-off from Taihoku, when he heard a

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION - Subhas Chandra Bose

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terrific explosion and felt the plane vibrating violently. He later learned that the plane had lost the propeller from its port engine and was out of control. The pilot made an effort to land but was unable to regain control and the plane crashed at the end of the airfield. Rahman stated that he was not rendered unconscious and noticed immediately after the crash that the interior of the plane broke into flame at the nose and tail. Due to the terrific crash, the canopy overhead was broken and it was through this opening that those not too seriously injured or instantly killed escaped from the burning plane. He revealed that he had no knowledge of how Bose escaped or was removed from the plane. He stated that upon alighting from the plane he noticed his own coat afire. He removed it immediately and then saw Bose lying by the plane with his clothing aflame, whereupon Rahman went to the aid of Bose and removed his burning clothing. He added that the seat Bose occupied in the aircraft was beside a petrol tank and at the time of the crash the tank exploded, spreading the burning fuel on Bose's clothing.

It was at this time that vehicles from the airfield came to the crash and removed all persons to the Japanese Military Hospital (Rikugun Biyochin) in Taihoku where they received medical treatment. It was later determined that Bose received serious injuries about the head and neck in addition to his severe burns. Rahman received two lacerations on his head, one on his right leg and burns on his hands, arms, and face. According to Rahman, Bose recovered sufficiently to carry on a conversation and complained of the pain in his head and asked him to request that the medical authorities check his blood pressure. Rahman declared that at approximately 2100, 18 August 1945, Bose died of the injuries received in the plane crash. Those present at the time of his death, in addition to the medical authorities, were Rahman and (FMJ) Nakamura of the Japanese Foreign Office in Taihoku. Other passengers in the plane, as named by Rahman, were Lt Gen. Shudai, Lt Col Sakai, 5 or 6 other Japanese officers and the crew.

On 20 August 1945, Bose was removed from the hospital and his remains were placed in a box provided by the Japanese. Rahman requested the remains be flown to Singapore or to Tokyo. Major (FMJ) Nagatome, a Japanese Staff Officer with headquarters in Taihoku, informed Rahman on 21 August 1945, that it would be impossible to transport the remains by air due to the size of the box in which Bose was placed. Major Nagatome suggested to Rahman at that time that the body be cremated and Rahman, after careful consideration, agreed.



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated April 7, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/599 dated 21.3.2003.

As desired, a copy of the reply from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, which was not enclosed with our letter of even number dated 28.2.2003 due to oversight, is forwarded herewith.

In the meanwhile, we have asked our Missions in Belarus, Ukraine and Armenia to check whether any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose are available in archives in the concerned countries. As regards Turkmenistan, the Commission has already been informed about the non-existence of any relevant documents in their archives.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
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Encl: as above

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX

Dated April 7, 2003

Dear Muthu ,

Please refer to your letter No. MSK/102/1/2003 dated 15.1.2003 forwarding the list of archives in Belarus and Lithuania.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has on receipt of the list of archives desired that enquiries may be made as to the existence of any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the archives in Belarus and Lithuania. I would, therefore, request you to have the matter checked at your end and send us a report for the information of the Commission.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri B.R.Muthu Kumar
Ambassador of India
Minsk

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated April 7, 2003

Dear Vishwas ,

Please refer to your fax of 26th November forwarding a list of archives in Armenia and Georgia and my letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 27.12.2002.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has on receipt of the list of archives desired that enquiries may be made as to the existence of any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the archives in Armenia and Georgia. I would, therefore, request you to have the matter checked at your end and send us a report for the information of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Vishvas Sapkal
Head of Chancery
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated April 7, 2003

Dear Sandeep,

This has reference to your letter No. Kyiv/Com/202/1/02 dated 15.11.2002 forwarding a list of archives in Ukraine and my letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 27.11.2002.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has on receipt of the list of archives desired that enquiries may be made as to the existence of any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the archives in Ukraine. I would, therefore, request you to have the matter checked at your end and send us a report for the information of the Commission.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Arya Sandeep
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March 21, 2003

From : **Shri P.K. Sengupta,**
Secretary.

By Regd. Post with A/D

To

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX(1) dated 28.02.2003 and the enclosures thereto and to request you to kindly send immediately a copy of the reply received by the Indian Mission in Turkmenistan which, though shown as an enclosure to the d.o. letter, was in fact not received along with the letter.

I am also directed to request the Ministry to kindly ask the Indian Mission in Belarus to enquire locally and report immediately whether any documents relating to Subhas Chandra Bose are available in the archives in Belarus and Lithuania.

I am further directed to refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol IX dated 11.02.2003 and the enclosures thereto and to request the Ministry to kindly ask Indian Missions in Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Armenia and Georgia to make local enquires and report immediately as to whether any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and relevant to the enquiry of the Commission are available in the archives of those countries.

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Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated March 31, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/585(7) dated 7th March, 2003 regarding Status Report from 1.2.03 to 28.2.03.

As regards para 4 of the Status Report cited above, I would like to draw your attention to D.O. No. 5293/JS(A)/93 dated 27th September, 1993 of Shri M.Venkateswara Iyer, the then Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs. A copy of this letter was forwarded with my letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 1st January, 2003. It is with this letter of 27.9.1993 that the Judgement Order of the Rajasthan High Court was received in this Ministry. As is evident, the said letter mentions the date of the judgement as 4th March, 1987, even though the date mentioned in the Judgement Order is 18th January, 1986. No other Judgement Order of the Rajasthan High Court on the concerned subject was received in this Ministry.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry

This refers to your fax of March 11, 2003 directing the Embassy to take further action as early as possible on the subject of DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of the departed leader, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

We would be grateful if the Hon'ble Commission could directly correspond with the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on this matter. The concerned official is Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi, with whom the Hon'ble Commission has corresponded earlier.

With kind regards.


(Biren Nanda)

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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated March 28, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/11/2000/542 dated 17.2.2003 addressed to the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding original/authenticated copies of documents.

It is seen that para 1 of the letter dated 10.2.2003 enclosed with the Commission's letter of 17.2.03 refers to the documents submitted before the Justice Khosla Commission by different witnesses. As the Commission is aware, the Ministry of Home Affairs was the nodal Ministry for all matters related to the Justice Khosla Commission. Therefore, copies/originals of all the documents related to that Commission would be available only with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

As regards the three letters mentioned at para 2 of the letter dated 10.2.03, our records reveal that the two letters dated 1st November, 1951 from Mr. Subimal Dutta, the then Secretary in this Ministry, and 17th January, 1952 from Mr. A.M.Sahay were earlier available in this Ministry's file No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.I, but were sent in original to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Although there is no record of the date on which they were sent, it is very likely that they were passed on to MHA in connection with the Justice Khosla Commission. Unfortunately, we do not have any copy of these letters. The third letter from Miss Leilamani Naidu dated 24.12.1951 is not available in the file in question. However, a scrutiny of the file reveals that the date of this letter should be 21st instead of 24th December, 1951 as indicated in the enclosure to the Commission's letter. The letter dated 21.12.1951 from Miss Leilamani Naidu is available in our file No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.I. A copy of this file was handed over to the Commission on 15th November, 2000.

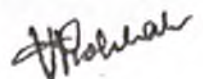
Yours sincerely,

sd/-

(Vijay Gokhale)

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Copy for information to Shri U.K.Kalra, Director(IS-II), MHA, w.r.t. his U.O.No. I/12014/13/2000-IS(V) dated 13.3.2003


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Prime Minister's Office, South Block,
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- 4) Secretary,
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Government of India, Rashtrapati Bhavan,
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- 5) Secretary,
Ministry of Defence (History Division),
Government of India, South Block,
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- 6) Secretary,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,
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Parliament Street,
New Delhi-110001.
- 7) Director,
Intelligence Bureau,
Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block,
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S i r,

I am directed to send herewith copies of the Commission's Status Report as on 23.12.2002 and of the Proceedings dated 27.12.2002 and 09.01.2003 for your kind information and favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Encl : As stated above.

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Status Report as on 23.12.2002 showing action taken on/compliance with orders/directions including those contained in the proceedings dated 02.12.2002 read with the proceedings dated 23.11.2000, 21.12.2000, 17.01.2001, 04.04.2001, 13.06.2001, 17.10.2001, 20.12.2001, 22.03.2002 and 10.06.2002 of the Commission.

1. Copies of the Commission's Status Report as on 28.11.2002 and of the proceedings dated 17.09.2002, and 02.12.2002 are being sent to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for their information and taking necessary action at their end. Copies of the Commission's Status Report from 01.11.2002 to 30.11.2002 have been sent to the aforesaid authorities by registered post on 12.12.2002.
2. A Notice has been sent to all deponents and others concerned regarding the hearing of the Commission on December 27, 2002 in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata, and summons have been issued to 5 (Five) persons for their examination as witnesses before the Commission on December 27, 2002.
3. The Commission has been persistently asking the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, for their affidavit on existence/non-existence/availability/non-availability, etc. of the complete records of the proceedings of the trial of the INA personnel.
4. Xerox copies/authenticated copies of various files of the Government of India as received from time to time are being scrutinized and further references are being made to the Government of India to elicit further information/documents in appropriate cases.
5. To expedite the matters, the Hon'ble Chairman went to Delhi on 28.10.2002 and met the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India. He requested the Hon'ble Minister to persuade the Government of the U.K. to declassify all relevant classified British documents and to take all steps in terms of the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 26.09.2001 of the then Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs. Apropos the said discussion, the Commission's letter No 398 dated 11.11.2002 was sent by Speed Post to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with the request to take appropriate action in the matter. The Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, in his d.o. letter dated 13.11.2002 addressed to the Hon'ble Chairman has stated inter alia : "..... since the Commission feels that these papers (i.e. classified British records on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) could be of vital importance with reference to its mandate, we have again taken up the issue of their release with the British Government and would keep you informed of the outcome in this regard.
I would like to take this opportunity to reassure of all possible assistance from our side to facilitate the inquiry of the Commission."
Further development in the matter is awaited.

6. In view of the report dated November 12/18, 2002 of the Indian Embassy in Japan and the photographs received from them by the Hon'ble Chairman on 28.11.2002, efforts are being made to get experts' opinion regarding feasibility of DNA test on the basis bone fragments, parts of the skull, some teeth and a portion of the jaw which have been reported to be lying inside the casket kept in Renkoji Temple alleged to be containing the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
7. Shri Nandalal Chakraborty, one of the deponents of the affidavit no. JMCI/11, in his letter dated 01.11.2002 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission has requested the Commission to visit the USA, the UK, and Germany for reasons mentioned therein. A copy of the said letter has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in continuation of the Commission's letter no. 398 dated 11.11.2002 to act accordingly. Further development in the matter is awaited.
8. The documents collected by the National Archives of India from the UK as per requisition of the Commission have been received and are being scrutinized by the Commission.
9. The Commission has been pursuing with the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the Intelligence Bureau, etc., Government of India, for various files/documents/records/reports called for from them which are yet to be received by the Commission.
10. Some handwritings allegedly of "Gunnami Baba" were made over to the Government Examiner of Questioned Documents, Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Simla, on 02.09.2002 along with some admitted specimens of the handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for examination of the said questioned handwritings by comparing with the said admitted specimens of handwritings. The sealed report of the said Government Examiner has been collected and brought to the office of the Commission on 25.11.2002. Efforts are being made to get the aforesaid two sets of handwritings examined independently by two more eminent handwriting experts, one after the other and it is expected that the relevant admitted specimen and specimens of questioned handwritings will be sent to one of them within this month.
11. To collect blood samples of persons on the paternal/maternal lineage of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for the purpose of DNA tests of the relevant specimens out of the articles seized from the house in Faizabad, UP for establishing the identity of the subject to whom those specimens belonged, Sarbasree Nirupam Som, Subrata Bose, Pradip Bose, Sugata Bose, Chandra Kumar Bose, Surya Kumar Bose, Sadhan Kar and Smt. Chitra Ghose were requested by the Commission's letters dated 30.07.2002 / 03.10.2002 / 04.10.2002 to kindly cooperate with this Commission by communicating their willingness to donate their respective blood samples of one ml. each. No response has yet been received from Shri Chandra Kumar Bose, Shri Sadhan Kar and Smt. Chitra Ghosh. Shri Sugata Bose has

questioned the efficacy of the proposed DNA tests in his reply to the Commission in the matter. Shri Surva Kumar Bose agreed to donate the blood in Germany where he is living. Shri Pradip Bose agreed earlier to donate the blood in New Delhi. He has subsequently intimated in his letter dated 12.12.2002 that there is a possibility of his coming to Kolkata in the latter half of January, 2003. Shri Subrata Bose has already intimated his willingness to donate the blood for the proposed DNA tests on the specimens obtained from Faizabad, UP "and for no other purpose". He has also submitted before the Commission at the time of its hearing on 02.12.2002 that he would try to impress upon some of the descendants in the paternal and maternal lineage of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for donation of blood. Shri Nirupam Som, who earlier questioned the efficacy of the proposed DNA tests, has stated inter alia in his letter dated 05.12.2002 to the Secretary of the Commission: "I see no reason to deviate from the stand taken by me in my earlier letter to you. I am also sure that Shri Subrata Bose is aware of the points raised in the same. Hence since this important matter of blood donation is being delayed, I hereby express my willingness to donate blood for the DNA test provided Shri Subrata Bose has also given concurrence and has donated the same."

The Commission is still making efforts to collect the names and addresses of other eligible donors, if any, of Netaji's family.

12. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by the Commission's registered letter no. JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 dated November 27, 2002 to kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan the original Register of cremation permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original applications for cremation permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for cremation permit allegedly filled on 18.08.1945 in name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for cremation permit, if any filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original death certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose or Chandra Bose and the original death certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura. A copy of the said letter alongwith enclosures thereto has also been sent to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on November 27, 2002 by registered post. Their response is awaited.

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 27th December, 2002 (Nineteenth)
held at Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007

27.12.2002 Five (5) witnesses were summoned to depose today. Only Shri Monoranjan Ghosh is absent. He, however, sent a letter yesterday requesting for another date for his examination. As the reason was found satisfactory, his request was allowed vide order dt: 26.12.2002. The four (4) witnesses present namely Shri Kanailal Basu, Shri Bijoyketan Mukherjee, Smt. Rama Banerjee and Shri Sukhendu Kumar Baur have been examined as C.W. Nos. 87 to 90 respectively.

Shri Kanailal Basu (C.W. 87) has testified that the statements made in the affidavit filed by him on 1 March, 2000 before the Commission are correct. He has identified his signature on the affidavit. The affidavit and the signature are marked Exhibits 120 and 120/1 respectively. The book titled: 'NETAJI NUTUN KOREY DEKHA' authored by him has been marked Exhibit 121.

Shri Bijoy Ketan Mukherjee (C.W.88) has asserted that his statements in the affidavit filed by him on 7 March, 2000 are correct. The said affidavit and his signature have been marked Exhibits 122 and 122/1 respectively.

Smt Rama Banerjee (C.W. 89) has asserted that her statements in the affidavit filed by her on 6 March, 2000 are correct. The said affidavit and her signature on the affidavit have been marked Exhibits 123 and 123/1 respectively.

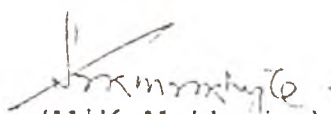
Shri Sukhendu Kumar Baur (C.W. 90) in his examination has testified that the statements made in the affidavit filed by him on 7 March, 2000 are

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correct. The said affidavit and his signature on the affidavit have been marked Exhibit 124 and 124/1 respectively.

After examining the witnesses present, the parties and/or their lawyers present have been heard in respect of paragraph 7(a) of the Status Report as on 28.11.2002 prepared by the Commission. At the very outset, Shri Tarakeshwar Pal, Learned Senior Counsel for the Government of India has requested the Commission for fixing another date for his submission as the copy of the Supplementary Affidavit dt. 24.12.2002 filed by the deponent Shri Rudra Jyoti Bhattacharjee (JMCI 11/2000) has not been supplied to him. The prayer is allowed.

Shri Rudra Jyoti Bhattacharjee (JMCI 11/2000) has stated that the authenticity of the photographs sent by the Indian Embassy in Japan should be established first before taking any other steps for DNA test of the bones, fragments of bone, etc. shown in those photographs.

Shri Subrata Bose (JMCI 27/2000) and Dr. Madhusudan Pal prayed for further time for discussion and hearing regarding the contents of the paragraph mentioned above. The prayer has been allowed and next date of hearing on paragraph 7(a) of the Status Report as on 28.11.2002 has been fixed on 9 January, 2003.


(M. K. Mukherjee)
Chairman

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 9th January, 2003 (Twentieth)
held at Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007

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The party and/or their lawyers present have been heard in respect of the paragraph 7 (a) of the Status Report as on 28.11.2002.

Shri Subrata Bose (JMCI-27/2000) has put blame on the Govt. of India for its non-cooperation as the relevant documents and files pertaining to the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the alleged plane-crash in Taihoku have not yet been sent to office of the Commission. He has requested to the Commission to take up the matter with the Govt. of India again for obtaining those files. He has also expressed his concern about the inaction of the Senior Counsel of the Govt. of India appearing before the Commission. He has criticised the programme drawn up by the Indian Embassy in Japan fixing the date of inspection of the Renkoji Temple in Japan by the Commission on a holiday. He has further stated that the delegates of the Commission were not permitted to visit Taiwan by the Govt. of India and such act of the Govt. of India is nothing but a conspiracy to sabotage the work of the Commission in its fact findings. He has drawn the attention of the Commission on the report sent by the Indian Embassy in Japan along with photographs on the 'alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose' and stated that the report does not bear the signature of the Chief Priest of the Temple and the name of the photographer, so thousand of questions arise as regards authenticity of those photographs. He requested the Commission to summon the Chief Priest and also the competent persons of the Indian Embassy in Japan for testifying the veracity of the report and also the photographs of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

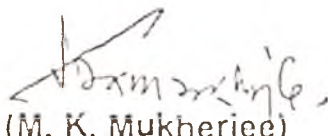
Shri Supriya Bose (JMCI-27/2000) also has expressed his concern about the conduct of the Govt. of India in not sending the relevant documents and files to the Commission.

Dr. Madhusudhan Pal (JMCI-14/2000) has spoken against the acceptability of the report sent by the Indian Embassy in Japan on the ground that the report does not bear the signature of the Chief Priest of the Temple and the custodian of the alleged urn. He has also stated that the presence of the parts of the 'skull' and the 'Mandible, teeth' is, generally, not possible after the cremation as those quickly turn to ashes. Referring to Chapter IV of the Article under the title "Preservation of Medicolegal Evidence by Arthur J. McCabe, Ph.d., Chief Toxicologist, office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Chapelhill, North Caroline, he has stated that before taking any steps for DNA of any specimen, the principle enunciated in the article should be followed. In his concluding lines he has stated that the "End product of cremation is unfit for DNA Test".

Shri Nandalal Chakraborty (JMCI-11/2000) has submitted that the examination of the alleged ashes kept in the 'Renkoji Temple' in Japan has got no basis as there is no mention of such a temple in the terms of reference.

Shri Tarekeswar Pal, Learned Senior Counsel of the Govt. of India has stated that he is trying his level best to have the relevant files and documents from the Govt. of India and he would try his level best in future also to have those. He is also of the view that the Chief Priest of the 'Renkoji Temple' and the competent officer of the Indian Embassy in Japan should be summoned for acceptability of the report and photographs sent by the Indian Embassy.

Appropriate orders in this regard will be passed in due course.


(M. K. Mukherjee)
Chairman



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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated March 28, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/590 dated 13.3.2003 regarding soliciting the services of an expert for examining the mortal remains kept at the Renkoji Temple.

I would like to inform you that we have referred the matter for advice to the Ministry of Home Affairs in their capacity of the nodal Ministry. We will revert as soon as their decision/advice is received.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

March 25, 2003

Dear Shri Goyal,

Please refer to my letter of even number dated March 12, 2003 regarding the question of conducting a DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

In this connection, I am forwarding herewith a copy of the letter dated 13th March, 2003 from the Justice Mukherjee Commission along with a fax from our Mission in Tokyo which is self-explanatory. As is evident, the Commission is pressing our Mission in Tokyo hard for the early appointment of an expert for the examination of the mortal remains in the Renkoji Temple.

In view of the urgency being assigned by the Commission to this subject, it is requested that the decision of Ministry of Home Affairs may be expedited. This decision, if considered appropriate, could also be communicated directly to the Commission under intimation to this Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri L.C.Goyal,
Joint Secretary (IS),
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Encl: as above

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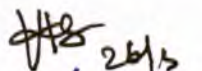
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This has reference to your fax message of 12th March on the above mentioned subject.

Please be informed that both MEA and MHA are seized of the matter. We shall revert to you as soon as the advice of MHA is received. In the meanwhile, you may advise the Commission to correspond directly with us on all related matters.

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(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary (CNV)
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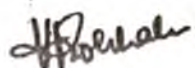
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No. JMCII/ EO/2002-2003/83/590.

Kolkata, dated, 13th March' 03.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the FAX message dated December 27, 2002 received from Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs Embassy of India in Japan, which speaks for itself, and to request you to kindly appreciate the importance and urgency of the matter and take necessary action so that the Commission receives the opinion of a competent expert immediately on whether any material exists in the mortal remains allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept at the Renkoji temple in Japan from which D.N.A. may be isolated for the purposes of D.N. A. tests, as called for by the Commission from the Embassy of India in Tokyo.

This may kindly be treated as urgent.

Enclosure: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,
P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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| For | Shri PK Sengupta Secretary | From | Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affaires |
| Rptd | | Date | December 27, 2002 |
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Reference your fax of December 26, 2002. As conveyed to the Hon'ble Commission by Second Secretary Aseem Mahajan in response to your fax of December 17, 2002, both Second Secretary Armstrong and First Secretary Rajasekhar have departed for postings in the Embassies of India in Lagos, Nigeria and the Port of Spain in Guyana respectively.

The Embassy shall immediately solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones of the deceased at the Renkoji Temple to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which DNA may be isolated for the purposes of a DNA test.

This process however may take some time and would involve certain expenditure. We shall be reverting to the Hon'ble Commission for permission to undertake the necessary expenditure after making local enquiries.

With kind regards.


(Biren Nanda)

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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No. JMCI/ Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/585(7)

Kolkata, dated, 07.03.2003.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

- To: 1) The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India,
North Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 2) The Secretary,
Ministry of Defence (History Division),
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.
- 3) The Secretary,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,
Government of India, Akashbani Bhavan,
Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
- 4) The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.
- 5) The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.
- 6) The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Govt. of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan,
New Delhi-110004.
- 7) The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Govt. of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Status Report from 01.02.2003
to 28.02.2003.

Ref : Your Office letter No.I/12014/
I/2000-IS(D.III) dt.07.02.2000.

S i r,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report'
of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above.

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For Inquiry into the Alleged Disappearance of
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STATUS REPORT

(From 01.02.2003 to 28.02.2003)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the earlier Status Report forwarded under Commission's Registered letter No. JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/534(7) dated February 10, 2003 to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Cabinet Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for taking necessary action at their end.
2. Commission's Status Report from 01.11.2002 to 30.11.2002 was sent by Registered Post with A/D. under Commission's letters No. JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/453(6) dated 9/11th December, 2002 to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Prime Minister's Office, and Cabinet Secretariat with the request to send to the Commission within six weeks the replies/reports in respect of the paras concerning their respective Ministries/Departments/Offices in the form of an affidavit duly sworn by their respective authorised Officers, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India. No affidavit in response to the said letter has yet been filed by/or on behalf of any of the addressees of the said letters. While some of the addressees have not responded at all - much less complied with the directions contained in the said letter - others have, however, sent their responses without any supporting affidavit.
3. Xerox copies of Prime Minister Office's letter No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated 11.07.2002 and the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/132 dated 21.06.2002 were sent to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External

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Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/315 dated 06.09.2002 wherein he was requested to kindly send immediately a true copy of the entire note dated 30.09.1993 of Shri A. K. Sinha, Under Secretary, A.P. submitted to J.S., A.P. which is available in the Ministry of External Affairs, as stated in the aforesaid letter dated 11.07.2002 of the Prime Minister's Office. The record called for is yet to be received by the Commission.

Relevant doc could not be located

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4. The attention of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was drawn by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/316 dated 06.09.2002 to the Ministry of Home Affairs' U.O. No. VI/11034/61/2002-IS (D.III) dated 19.07.2002 endorsed to the Joint Secretary (Co-ordination), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, wherewith a copy of this Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/113 dated 21.06.02 was forwarded and the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, was requested to kindly furnish copies of the affidavit-in-Opposition filed and the judgment Order dated 04.03.1987 delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargava of Rajasthan High Court as referred to in them, The Ministry of External Affairs with their No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated October 25, 2002 has sent to the Commission a copy of their U.O. No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 26.07.2002 endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs wherefrom it appears that the Ministry of External Affairs has referred back the matter to the Ministry of Home Affairs. A copy of the judgment dated 18.01.1986 of Justice S.N. Bhargava of Rajasthan High Court has been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs as also from the Ministry of External Affairs, but no copy of the judgment dated 04.03.1987 and of the affidavit-in-Opposition in the matter has been received by the Commission, The Ministry of External Affairs in their letter dated 01.01.2003 has stated inter alia that no affidavit-in-Opposition has been filed by the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter (obviously referring to the judgment dated 18.01.1986.)

J.O. forwarded by MHA. No other order exists.

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5. From the d.o. letter No.281/12/2000-TS dated 31.12.2002 of the Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, addressed to the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs with a copy endorsed to the Secretary of the Commission it appears that a hard-copy downloaded from the Website of the Cabinet Secretariat regarding formation of the Cabinet Secretariat was sent by the Cabinet Secretariat to the Ministry of Home Affairs for onward transmission to the Commission. But the said hard-copy has not yet been received by the Commission from the Ministry of Home Affairs.
6. The Commission has been persistently asking the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, for their affidavit on existence/non-existence/availability/non-availability, etc. of the complete records of the proceedings of the trial of the INA personnel. A complete list of all files pertaining to INA which were held by the History Division of the Ministry of Defence and were transferred by them to the National Archives of India, was furnished by Shri G.B. Singh, Director, Ministry of Defence, History Division, Government of India, with his d.o. letter No.2191/NIC/H/99 dated February 16, 2000 but the said list does not appear to include the list of files/documents relating to INA trial as reiterated in letter No.2191/NIC/H/99 dated February 25, 2003 of the Deputy Director, Ministry of Defence, History Division, Government of India.
7. Some of the deponents before the Commission have in their affidavits and/or sworn testimonies asserted that documents containing clinching evidence relating to the points of the inquiry of the Commission are in the possession and/or under the control of different foreign Governments. Accordingly, the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs was requested ^{by the Hon'ble Chairman} to take up the matter with the Governments of the U.K., the U.S.A., Japan, Taiwan, Russia, etc. ~~xxxxxxenclosedxxcopyxxofxxthexHon'ble~~ ~~xxx~~ in his d.o. letter No.267 dated 21.08.2001 addressed to the then Hon'ble Minister who in his d.o. reply dated 26.09.2001 ~~xxxxxxenclosedxx~~ stated inter alia :

"The points raised in your letter under reference have been taken up with our Missions in the countries concerned. We would keep the Commission informed about outcome of their efforts in this regard."

As thereafter, positive response was received only to the extent that some Russian documents were sent through the Ministry of External Affairs and that the visit of the Commission to Japan had materialised, the Hon'ble Chairman met the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs on 28.10.2002 in New Delhi to expedite the long pending matters and, apropos the said meeting, the Ministry of External Affairs was requested, inter alia, in Commission's letter No.398 dated November 11, 2002 to kindly pursue with the Government of the U.K. closely to get declassified all relevant classified British documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and/or I.N.A. which are in the possession and/or under the control of the Government of the U.K., so that those could be perused by the Commission and the relevant ones could be relied upon for the purpose of the inquiry as also to persuade the Governments of the Russian Federation, all other States which are now sovereign but previously within the erstwhile USSR, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Taiwan, Germany, Ireland, etc. to make available or accessible to the Commission at their earliest convenience, all documents classified/declassified/unclassified containing the evidence/materials relating to and/or having relevance to the points of the inquiry of the Commission, which are in the possession and/or under the control of the aforesaid Governments and/or in the various archives of those countries. In response, we have received on 10.02.2003 a list of archives in Kazakhstan and the name, address, etc. of one archive in Kyrgyzstan and have also received on 24.02.03 lists of archives of Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Armenia as also the name and telephone No. of one archive in Georgia but all those do not indicate which of the archives are likely to have information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA as requested in Commission's letter No.415 dated November 15, 2002 addressed to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. Appropriate steps will have to be taken by the Commission for its visit to those foreign countries where relevant records/witnesses would be reported to it by the Ministry of External Affairs, to be available in those foreign countries.

Have written all these countries

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8. Seventy six records/files, which are admitted by the Intelligence Bureau, Government of India to be available with them, could not be perused by Shri P.M. Chakravarty, Senior Research Officer of the Commission when he visited the Intelligence Bureau, New Delhi as per programme in the second half of February, 2003 with prior intimation to the Intelligence Bureau, Government of India. He was given to understand that the Micro-film system of the I.B. has become non-functional; that they are shifting their office to a new site and that it would take considerable time by the I.B. to make those records available for inspection on behalf of the Commission, after shifting of the records was completed and the Micro-film system was restored.
9. Some more specimens of admitted hand-writing of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose could be collected and have been sent to the second hand-writing expert.
10. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs was requested by Commission's registered letters dated August 1, 2002 and dated 27.09.2002 to kindly provide the Commission with the particulars of the US documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose pertaining to the period from August, 1945 onwards, if any, which are available in the National Archives of the U.S.A. and Records Administration, Maryland, U.S.A. as also in other archives of the U.S.A. including Mac Arthy Archives, the Archives of the Princeton University, Hoover Institution, Stanford, U.S.A. etc. The response is still awaited.
11. Shri Nandalal Chakraborty, one of the deponents of the affidavit No.JMCI/11, in his letter dated 01.11.2002 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, has requested the Commission to visit the USA, the UK, and Germany for reasons mentioned therein. A copy of the said letter has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in continuation of the Commission's letter No.398 dated 11.11.2002, with the request to act accordingly. The Ministry of External Affairs in their d.o. letter dated December 3, 2002 wanted clarification as to what action the Commission expects of the Ministry of External Affairs in so far as the letter dated 01.11.2002

Response from Washington awaited

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of Shri Nandalal Chakraborty is concerned. The clarification has been issued in the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2002-03/70/~~558~~ Vol. II/558 dated ^{February} ~~November~~ 26, 2003 stating therein to kindly take appropriate action to help the Commission have access to the documents referred to in the letter dated 01.11.2002 of Shri Nandalal Chakraborty.

12. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested by the Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/CPDC/2000/432 dated November 27, 2002 to kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan the original Register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for Cremation Permit allegedly filed on 18.05.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for Cremation Permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original Death Certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose or Chandra Bose and the original Death Certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura since the Commission is essentially required to have an access to those documents in view of the facts and circumstances stated in the aforesaid letter dated November 27, 2002 of the Commission. A copy of the said letter along with copies of the enclosures thereto were also sent to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on November 27, 2002 by Registered Post. The documents called for are yet to be received.

13. With Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/372 dated October 10, 2002 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, xerox copies of Prime Minister Office's letter No. 915/11/C/2/2002-Pol. dated 3rd/5th September, 2002 addressed to the Commission, P.M.O.'s U.O. No. PMS-307 dated 05.01.1974 sent to Shri T.C.A. Nivasavardan, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and d.o. letter No. 24/27/71-Pol.II(D.III) dated May 3/4, 1974 of the Home Minister addressed to Samar Guha, M.P. were enclosed and the

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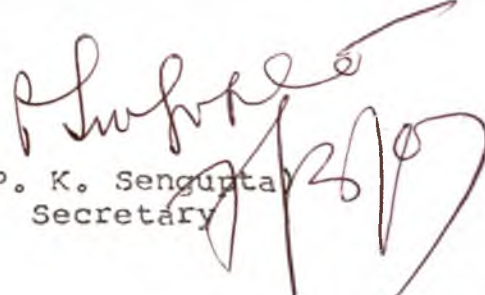
Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was requested to kindly furnish to the Commission immediately the details of documents which could be secured by the Government of India and supplied to the Khosla Commission as also the particulars of the documents which could not be secured by them because of their non-availability along with authenticated xerox copies of different affidavits of the Ministry of Home Affairs filed before the Khosla Commission in the matter and of the reply given by the Home Minister in the Lok Sabha on 27th March, 1974 as stated in the aforesaid d.o. letter dated 3/4 May, 1974 of the Home Minister addressed to Shri Samar Guha, M.P. He was further requested to kindly send immediately an authenticated xerox copy of the reply, if any, given by the Ministry of Home Affairs to Shri Samar Guha as requested in para 4 of the aforesaid P.M.O.'s U.O. Note No. PMS-307 dated 05.01.1974. The reports/particulars/documents as called for from the Ministry of Home Affairs are still awaited.

14. The Secretary, Prime Minister's Office has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up) 99-2000/48(III)/188 dated July 12, 2002 to furnish the Commission immediately with the documents mentioned against four Com. Nos., viz., com. 11, 30(R)(2), 30(S)(2), and 30(V)(I), since those documents do not appear to have been submitted to the Commission as yet which is supposed to be done by the Prime Minister's Office as mentioned in the 3rd para of the d.o. letter No. IV/8(66)/2001-2184 dated 12.12.2001 of Shri Sanjoy Sinha, Joint Director, IB, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, a xerox copy of which has been enclosed with the aforesaid letter dated 12.07.2002 of the Commission. The documents called for are still awaited.

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15. By d.o. letter No. JMCI/Records/99-2000/37(III)/359 dated October 3, 2002 of the Secretary of the Commission addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, the attention of the latter was drawn to a special message from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose of the Provincial Government of Azad Hind (Singapore) broadcast on 31.42 Metres in 2115.25 hrs. daily "commentry in English" on August 18, 1945 which appears to have been monitored by the monitoring service of All India Radio, Simla, and presented to the National Archives of India by the Publication Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. A copy of the said message has been enclosed with the said d.o. letter dated October 3, 2002 for ready reference. The Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was requested to throw some light on the points whether the message was live and a direct broadcast or whether the broadcast ~~was~~ was of a pre-recorded message/speech of Netaji. The response of the said Ministry in the matter is still awaited.
16. On being requested by the Commission, the Indian Embassy in Japan has agreed on December 27, 2002 to solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji temple "to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which D.N.A. may be isolated for the purpose of a D.N.A. test." Further development in the matter is still awaited.
17. Steps have been taken for holding the hearing of the Commission on 26.03.2003 and 27.03.2003 in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata, when, ~~when~~ besides transacting other business, the Commission is expected to examine 9 (nine) witnesses.

18. Steps have been taken to collect blood samples on 04.03.2003 of Shri Subrata Bose, and Shri Dwaraka Nath Bose, who are sons of the elder brothers of Netaji as also of Shri Sadhan Kar who is a descendant from the maternal lineage of Netaji.
19. A proposal has been sent in Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Admn./99-2000/32(II)/560 dated 27.02.2003 for extension of the term of the Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for a further period of one year with effect from 15.05.03 showing therein the nature and extent of hurdles from different quarters which the Commission had to face in the past and has been facing presently and highlighting some of the main reasons for which the Commission is not in a position to complete its inquiry within 15th May, 2003 upto which the present term of the Commission stands extended.


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
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Enclosed herewith a copy of letter No.JMCI/11/2000/542 dated 17.2.03 from JMCI requesting for the original or authenticated true copies of all the documents mentioned in the enclosures.


(U.K. KALRA)
DIRECTOR (IS-II)

MEA(Attn: Sh.Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), South Block, New Delhi
MHA U.O.No.I/12014/13/2000-IS(V) dated 13.03

Copy to: JMCI, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose . 'B' Block, (Third Floor) 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata- 700087 with the request that the further follow up action may be taken up with MEA in the matter.

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Please examine. The 1970 Netaji Enquiry Commission (Khosla Commission) was under the MHA. Therefore, copies/originals of the list of documents related to that Commission would be available only with MHA. The letters mentioned in Para 2 of flag 'X' may be with MEA since ser file number is mentioned. Please check on this & p.u. to JS (CNV) on return with draft reply. There may be a few documents pertaining to MEA in the main list attached.

Sh. Sec

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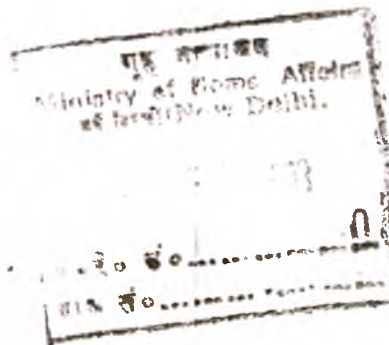
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No. JMCI/ 11/2000/542

Kolkata, dated, February 17, 2003

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty.

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi.



Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the letter dated 10.02.03 and xerox copies of the enclosures thereto with the request to kindly furnish to the Commission immediately the original or authenticated true copies of all the documents mentioned in the said enclosures as requested in the first para of the said letter dated 10.02.03 as also to furnish the letters or authenticated true copies thereof as mentioned in para 2 and as prayed for in para 3 (i.e., the last para) of the said letter dated 10.02.03 jointly authored by Shri Sunil Krishna Gupta and four others who are deponents of the affidavit No. JMCI/11 filed before the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Enclosures : As stated above.

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Date : 10.2.03

To
The Secretary
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Kolkata - 700 087

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10/2/03

Sir,

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In this connection, we would also like to draw your attention to (1) the letter from Mr. Subimal Dutta, Secretary to the Government of India Ministry of External Affairs dated 1 November 1951, to Mr. A. M. Sahay, Commissioner for the Government of India in Port of Spain bearing number - 758 / 51 - S, (2) the letter from Miss Leelamani Naidu dated 24 December 1951 bearing No. 25/4/WGO to Mr. A. M. Sahay and (3) A. M. Sahay's letter to Mr. Subimal Dutta dated 17 January 1952 bearing D.O. No. 13 - Com / 52.

We urge upon the Hon'ble Commission to put pressure on the Government of India to get the said letters and we hope ^{that} the matter would be pursued exploring all possible avenues.

Yours faithfully,

Amal Kumar Gupta J.M.C.I
Tapan Kumar Mukherjee J.M.C.I
Sunjit Dasgupta J.M.C.I

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Date : 10.2.03

To
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 Tarun Kumar Khutya J.M.CI-11
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 Jagatjit Dasgupta J.M.CI-11
 Vandana Kumar J.M.CI-11

Enclosed
 as stated above.

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NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION

EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY WITNESSES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN

(WITNESS NO. 3)

- W-1/A Photograph of Betmath Das.
- W-1/B Photograph of Col. Honogake.
- W-1/C Group of Shri Ramamurti, Gen. Isoda, Mr. Murti, Gen. Kawake, Madam Tojo, Gen. Yamamoto, and Priest of Renjoji Temple.

W-1/D Photograph of Mr. Habibur Rahman with Netaji's ashes in Formosa.

W-1/E Photograph of Col. Habibur Rahman with Netaji's ashes in Renjoji Temple.

W-1/F Group photo of Shri S.M. Moitra, Shah Nawaz Khan, Major Takahashi and Sri Suresh Chandra Bose.

W-1/G Negative photograph of the programme of Shah Nawaz Khan Khan Committee Reports with signatures of all the three members of the Committee.

W-1/H Photograph of Col. Pritham Singh.

W-1/I Photograph of Sri Rangan Singh.

W-1/J Photograph of Sri Habibur Rahman (Colonel)

W-1/K Photograph of Col. Habibur Rahman (Large size of J).

W-1/L Photograph of Col. Pritham Singh

W-1/M Affidavit of Shri Shah Nawaz Khan dated 22-10-70 Exhibited by the Council on 27-9-72, alongwith the principal points agreed to for draft report dated 20-9-50 duly signed by all the three members of the Committee.

W-1/N D.O. No. PB/50/MEC dated 17th July, 1950 from Shri Shah Nawaz Khan to Shri S.C. Bose.

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- 1/0 D.O.No. PS/56/NEC dated 17th July, 1956 from Shah Nawaz Khan to Shri S.C. Bose.
- W-1/P Copies of Statement given to Shri Bose.
- ✓ W-1/Q Documents relating to the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
- ✓ W-1/R List of Files obtained from the Ministry of Defence.
- W-1/S Receipt from Shri S.C. Bose
- ✓ W-1/T Ministry of External Affairs Films Nos.
- ✓ W-1/U Ministry of External Affairs Files Nos.
- W-1/V. Principal points agreed to dated 30.6.56 for draft report.
- W-1/W Hindustan Standard dated 17-7-56.
- W-1/X Letter dated 6.7.56 for Shri S.C. Bose to Shri R. Dayal.
- W-1/Y Draft dated 18.7.56.
- W-1/Z Telegram dated 20.7.56. 22-A-NEC for Shah Nawaz Khan to Shri S.C. Bose.
- W-1/a Telegram dated 18.7.56 from Shri Shah Nawaz Khan.
- W-1/b Telegram dated 24-7-56 from Shri Shah Nawaz Khan to Shri S.N. Mitra.
- W-1/o Telegram dated 27.7.56 No. 2280-NEC ~~sent~~ from Shah Nawaz Khan to Suresh Chandra Bose.
- W-1/d Telegram dated 24.7.56 from Suresh Chandra Bose to Chairman Netaji Inquiry Committee.
- ✓ W-1/e Letter No. 414/PMO/56 dated August, 1956 from Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru to Shri Suresh Chandra Bose.
- W-1/f Letter dated 10th August, 1956 from Shri Suresh Chandra Bose to Chairman Netaji Inquiry Committee.
- W-1/g D.O. No. PB/56/NEC dated 14th August, 1956 from Shri Shah Nawaz Khan to Shri Suresh Chandra Bose.

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Findings of Shah Nawaz Committee.

LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI SATYANARAYAN SINHA.

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(WITNESS NO. 3)

- ✓ W-3/A The contemporary- A monthly Journal -Tagore number.
- ✓ W-3/B The Contemporary -April, 1970.
- ✓ W-3/C The Contemporary-March, 1970.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI SURESH CHANDRA
BOSE. (WITNESS NO. 4)

- ✓ W-4/A Copy of Bharat Barsha (Fortnightly) dated 16-1-71.
- W-4/B Copy of Sunday Amrita Bazar Patrika dated 10.1.71.
- W-4/C Copy of Bengali Anand Bazar Patrika dated 6-11-70.
- W-4/D. Hindustan Standard dated October 16, 1970.
- W-4/E Affidavit of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI S.M.GOSWAMI
(WITNESS No. 8)

- ✓ W-8/A Cutting from Lok Satak dated 12-9-1964 (C.II).
- ✓ W-8/B Statesman dated 23.11.67 (One page only)(C.III).
- ✓ W-8/C Statesman dated 29-5-64 (Cutting (C-V)
- ✓ W-8/D Cutting from Hindustan Standard dated 5-10-55(C-V).
- W-8/E Cutting from Jugantar (Bengali) Daily C-VI).
- ✓ W-8/F. A book in Hindi on Netaji with title page 'Turn Out'
(C-VII).
- W-8/G A political book-let on China's Life (C.VII).
- W-8/H. Cutting from the Hindustan Standard, Calcutta
@ 18.11.59 (C-IX).
- W-8/I Cutting from the Statesman, Calcutta dated 18.11.59
(C-X).
- W-8/J Cutting from the Call-Dek dated 17.7.64 (Hindi)
(C-XI).

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI B.N. ROY

(WITNESS No. 9)

- W-9/A Copy of Dak (The Call) dated 31.5.63 (Bengali).
- W-9/B Gloty to 21st --Independence Day of India (Pamphlat)
- ✓W-9/C Open letter to Khosla Commission, By B.N. Roy.
- ✓W-9/D Book-let 'Subhas Alive' Part-1(Hindi) by Shukdev.

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EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI RAMESH CHANDRA CHANDA (W.NO. 11)

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- W-11/A Copy of letter dated 7-9-69 addressed to R.C. Chanda.
- ✓W-11/B Copy of a letter dated 26-9-65 addressed to Ramesh Chandra Chanda from Uttam Chanda Malhotra.
- ✓W-11/C Copy of a Bengali letter dated 2-9-65 to Ramesh Chandra Chanda from Bijan Kumar Chattapadhyaya, Shaulmari Ashram.
- W-11/D Copy of a Bengali letter dated 24-9-65 addressed to Secretary, Ramakrishan Saba Sangha, Nasara Clony, Nadasia from Office Secretary, All India Subhas Badi Janta.
- ✓W-11/E Copy of a letter dated 16.10.65 addressed to Shri Ramesh Chandra Chanda from N.C. Chatterjee, M.P.
- W-11/F Memorandum submitted by Ramesh Chandra Chanda to Shri V.V.Giri, President of India on 22.11.69.
- W-11/G Copy of a D.O. letter No. 16/DIM/67 dated 5.1.67 from Shah Nawaz Khan to Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- ✓W-11/H Copy of a letter dated 11.9.65 from N.C. Chatterjee, M.P. to Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- W-11/I Bengali letter dated 31.8.65 from Prof. Smar Guha M.P. to Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- W-11/J Letter dated 11.11.68 from H.V. Karath to Ramesh Chandra Chanda.

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- W-11/K Copy of letter dated 12.11.64 addressed to R.C. Chanda from H.V. Kamath.
- W-11/L Copy of a letter dated 7-9-64 addressed to Ramesh Chandra Chanda from Uttam Chand Malhotra.
- W-11/M Copy of a letter dated 30.6.69 addressed to Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- ✓ W-22/H Letter dated 18-2-68 addressed to Ramesh Chandra from Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Ex-President of India.
- ✓ W-II/O Letter dated 17.6.68 addressed to Ramesh Chandra Chanda from G.S. Kapoor, Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- W-11/P Letter dated 14-2-53 addressed to Mr. Nair from Dr. Radhabinoda Pal.
- W-11/Q Copy of letter dated 7-1-66 with an enclosure from Dr. Gope Gurbax to Ramesh Chandra Chanda
- W-11/R Copy of a letter dated 16-7-68 from Ramesh Chandra Chanda to ~~XXXX~~ Dr. S. Radhakrishnan.
- W-11/S Letter dated 16th October, 1965 from Shri H.C. Chatterjee, M.P. to Shri Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- ✓ W-11/T Letter dated 32-12-65 from Shri Ramesh Chandra Chanda to Mr. I.A. Bindedictov, Ambassador for U.S.S.R. in India.
- W-11/U Letter dated 7-1-66 from Dr. Gope Gurbax.
- ✓ W-11/V Letter with reference No. HC/1/66 dated 18-1-66 together with a leaflet from Tushar Roy to the Secretary, Sarda Path Mandir, Nasrapur.
- W-11/W. Letter dated 15-12-70 from Ramesh Chandra Chanda to Shri Swarn Singh, Minister for External Affairs, Government of India.

- W-11/X Letter dated 11.12.70 from Ramesh Chandra Chanda to Shri Justice G.D. Khosla, Chairman Nataji Inquiry Commission.
- W-11/X Letter dated 11.12.70 together with a photograph from Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- W-11/Z Letter dated 8-12-70 from Shri Ramesh Chandra Chanda to Dr. S. Radha Krishnan, Ex-President.
- W-11/a Letter dated 16-12-70 from Ramesh Chandra Chanda to Shah Nawaz Khan.
- ✓ W-11/b Dy. No. 476 and 576/70 Poll-II.
- ✓ W-11/c Letter No. C.651/2/70-JP dated 1st Feb., 1971 from Shri T. Cherpool to Shri Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- W-11/d Letter dated 6th January, 1971 from Shah Nawaz Khan to Shri Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- W-11/e Letter dated 23-12-70 written by Shri Ramesh Chandra Chanda to Shri P. P. Putta Chandra Sen.
- W-11/f D.O. No. 16/DOM/67 dated January 5, 1967 from Shah Nawaz Khan to Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- W-11/g Letter dated September 11, 1956 from N.C. Chatterjee to Shri Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- W-11/h Letter dated 16th October, 1956 from N.C. Chatterjee to Shri Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- W-11/i Letter dated November 11, 1968 from H.V. Kamth to Shri Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- W-11/j Letter dated 30.6.68 from Uttam Chandra Malhotra to Shri Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- W-11/k Letter dated 30.6.68 from Uttam Chandra Malhotra to Shri Ramesh Chandra Chanda.
- W-11/l Letter dated 7-9-69 from Uttam Chand Malhotra to Shri Ramesh Chandra Chanda.

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W-11/n Letter dated February 18, 1968 from Dr.S.
Radhakrishnan, Ex-President of India to Shri
Ramesh Chandra Chanda.

✓ W-11/n. Letter No. F.30/5/66-Poll-II dated 17th June,
1968 from G.S. Kapoor, Under Secretary to
Ramesh Chandra Chanda.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI M.L. SONDHI, M.P.

(WITNESS NO. 12)

1. List of Books referred to by Shri M.L. Sondhi.
- ✓ 2. Extracts from 'The Goebbels Diaries.'
- ✓ 3. Cuttings of March, 1942.
4. Statement.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI HIRA LAL DIXIT

(WITNESS NO. ~~Rax~~ 13)

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| W-13/A | Criminal case filled by Shri Igubal Bhaḍur Saxana. | |
| W-13/B | In the Court of Mukar Kamalina Sen Gupta, I.A.S. Sub- Divisional Magistrate, New Delhi. | |
| W-13/C | Netaji Azad Hind Gazette dated 24-12-70. | |
| W-13/D | Affidavit in Hindi by Shri Hira Lal Dixit. | |
| W-13/E | Paper cutting from Luzerner Neurete Nachrichten. | |
| W-13/F | Netaji Azad Hind Gazette dated 15-1-65 | |
| W- 13/G | - do - | Dated Nil |
| W-13/H | -do - | Nil |
| W-13/I | -do - | Nil |
| W-13/J | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/KR | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/L | -do - | Nil |
| W-13/M | -do - | Nil |
| W-13/N | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/O | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/P | -do- | Nil |

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| W-13/Q | Netaji Azad Hind Gazette dated Nil | |
| W-13/R | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/S | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/T | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/U | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/V | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/W | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/X | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/Y | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/Z | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/AA | -do- | 23.1.65 |
| W-13/BB | -do- | 25-12-65 |
| W-13/CC | -do- | 15-11-64 |
| W-13/DD | -do- | 5-1-65 |
| W-13/EE | -do- | 1.11.64 |
| W-13/FF | -do- | 1-10-64 |
| W-13/GG | -do- | Nil |
| W-13/HH | -do- | 15-9-64 |
| W-11/II | "Shaulamari Sahdu he Netaji Subhas Bose". | |

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI UTTAM CHANDRA MALHOTRA

(WITNESS NO. 16)

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| W-16/A | One Diary |
| W-16/B | Book entitled Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. |
| W-16/C | Application to the Secretary, Shaulamari Ashram by L.P. Mangal for the post of personal stenographer |
| W-16/D | One envelop bearing the name of Shri G.D. Khola. |
| W-16/E | A Hindi Book entitled "Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Jivit Hai." |

- 13/F A Book entitled "Subhita Khia Yugharna".
- 16/G A paper embodying "Met Shri Ramlal".
- 16/H A Paper embodying "2 Moira Street, Calcutta."
- 16/I A cheat in respect of honruring money.
- 16/J One letter dated Nil
- 16/K One letter dated 22-1-31
- 16/L One photostate copy.
- 16/M Paper cutting from weekly newspaper Biswas Neta dated 1.10.70
- 16/N. Paper cutting from "The Call" dated 16.11.70
- 16/OKK Press ~~letter~~ Statement by Shri Niharendu Dutt.
- 16/P Netaji Azad Hind Gazette dated 15-2-65.
- 16/Q Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2154.
- 16/R Hand Note dated 4.11.70.
- 16/S Letter No. SD/255 dated 25.9.70 from Swami Sankaranda Giri.
- 16/T One Hand Note with a photograph of Parahansa Shri Sankarananda Giri.
- 16/U Netaji Azad Gazette dat ' 4.4.65.
- 16/V Paper cutting from Daily Pardeep, Jullundar.
- 16/W A photostat copy of a protion of a letter written by Sharandnand.
- 16/X A photostat copy of a portion of a letter written by Shardanand.
- 16/Y A letter written in Hindi 1.2.63 from D.N. Bhowmik Secretary, Shaulmari Ashram.
- 16/Z An open letter to Pandit Jawahar Lal Neharu dated Nil .
- 16/AA A paper embodying " The ashes in Ronkoji Temple is not of Netaji."

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W-16/BB A hand Note entitled " Message of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

✓ W-16/CC Paper cutting from "The Pioneer."

W-16/DD Paper cutting from Hindustan Standrad dated 30.3.65

W-16/DD Paper cutting from Anrita Bazar Patrika dated 30.3.65.

W-16/FF Paper cutting from Hindustan dated 6.7.65.

W-16/GG One hand note entitled " I am convinced Netaji is alive". Dr. Gurbaxani.

W-16/HH One photostat copy of a letter No. 8443 /13/2-1964 dated 1964/65.

W-16/II One photostate copy of a letter No. 5383/A-65, dated 4.12.65.

W-16/JJ Photograph of Subhas Chandra Bose's nurse Sharda.

W-16/KK A hand written letter dated 31.12.70.

W-16/LL An envelope addressed to Shri U.C. Malhotra.

W-16/MM General Knowledge Question Paper Teacher Exam.

W-16/NN Paper cutting from Judhdharma dated 19.6.66.

W-16/OO Letter from Brij Kumar Seth, M/s Seth & P. Sinters, Nabi Karim, Delhi.

W-16/PP Photograph of the dead body of Jawahar Lal Nehru.

W-16/QQ One journal "Embassador" dated March, 1964.

W-16/RR Open letter to Prime Minister of India from Dr. Gope Gurbax on 2.6.63.

W-16/SS Hand Note- " Netaji is alive."

W-16/TT Paper cutting from National Herald dated 7.4.61.

W-16/UU Paper cutting from India Reformer dated 9.4.65.

W-16/VV Paper cutting from Pradhoop dated 7-10-62.

W-16/WW Paper cutting Judhdharma dated 31.5.66.

W-16/XX In the court of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Sadar, Cooch, Behar, C.R. Case No. 260 of 1964 Magistrate's Order dated 17-3-64.

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- W-16/XI Copy of Magistrate's Order dated 17-9-64
Case No. 260 of 1964.
- W-16/ZZ In the Court of Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Mathabhanga, Distt. Cooch Behar, C.R. Case No.
151 of 1964.
- W-16/aa In the Court of Sub- Divisional Magistrate,
Sadar, Cooch Behar, C.R. Case No. 260 of 1964.
- W-16/b In the Court of Sub- Divisional Magistrate of
Cooch Behar, C.R. Case of 260 of 1964, Magistrate
Order dated 10/10/64.
- W-16/c In the Court of Sub- Divisional Magistrate,
Sadar, Cooch Behar, C.R. Case No. 260 of 1964,
Magistrate's Order dated 16-7-64.
- W-16/d In the Court of Magistrate Ist Class, Sadar
Cooch Behar, C.R. Case No. 260 of 1964 (Copy)
- W-16/e In the Court of Shri I. Sundas, Magistrate,
Ist Class, Sadar, Cooch Behar, In the matter of
Cr. 260 of 1964.
- U-16/f In the Court of Sub- Divisional Magistrate,
Mathabhanga C.R. Case No. 151 of 1964.
- W-16/g Hand writing Case No. 517-64. Re2. Memo No.
4372/III-3 dated 5-9-64 from Sub-Divisional
Magistrate, Mathabhanga, Distt. Cooch Behar
in continuation of C.R. Case No. 151/64.
- W-16/h In the Court of Sub- Divisional Magistrate,
Sadar Cooch Behar, Ref. Case No. C.R. 260
of 1964, Memo No. 2233 dated 23-12-64.
- W-16/i Application of Hira Lal Dixit.
- W-16/j In the Court of Sessions Judge, Cooch Behar
Cr. Motion No. 42 of 1965.
- W. 16/k In the Court of Sessions Judge, Cooch Behar
(Criminal Revisional Jurisdiction) An
application under section 435/436. Criminal
Procedure Code.

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- W-16/l In the Court of the Session Judge, Cooch Behar
(Cr. Revision Motion No. 42/65).
- W-16/m In the court of Miss. K. Sen Gupta, Sub-Divisional
Magistrate, New Delhi Cr. I. Case No. 49/1 of 1968.
- W-16/n In the Court of Shri H.C. Gool, Additional Sessions
Judge, Delhi C.R. Revision No. 30/1969.
- W-16/o In the Court of Sub- Divisional Magistrate, Sadar,
Cooch Behar, V/S 500 I.P.C.
- W-16/p A Hindi book entitled. "Abidya Ghasit Shaulmari
Ashram."
- W-16/q Before the Hon'ble Sub- Divisional Magistrate, Jalpai-
guri.
- W-16/r In the Court ofRef. Case No. C.R. 1569 of 1964.
Order dated 14.1.65.
- W-16/s In the Court of C.R. No. 1569 of 1964. Order dated-
1.9.64.
- W-16/t In the Court of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Jalpaiguri.
C.R. Case No. 1569/64. Petition on behalf of Uttam
Chand Malhotra, Under Section 540 A Cr. P.C.
- W-16/u In the Court of Sub- Divisional Magistrate, Jalpaiguri
C.R. Case No. 1569/64.
- W-16/v In the Court of Sub- Divisional Magistrate, Jalpaiguri,
C.R. Case No. 1569/64.
- W-16/w In the Court of Shri I. Sundas, 1st Class Magistrate,
Sadar Cooch Behar, In the Case of Cr. 260 of 1964.
- W-16/x Forms of Declaration : Form- E.
- W-16/y Translation of the article from a Bengali weekly
paper named " JANASAKTI."
- W-16/z Achalpatra-Friday- 17.7.1964.
- W-16/aa Summon to Accused person.
- W-16/bb In the Court of the Sub- Divisional Magistrate, Cooch
Behar Cr. 260/64

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- W-16/cc In the Court of I. Sundas, Magistrate-1st Class, Sadar
Cooch Behar, Cr. No. 260 of 1969.
- W-16/dd In the Court of I. Sundas, Magistrate, 1st Class, Sadar,
Cooch Behar. In the matter of Cr. 260 of 1964.
- W-16/ee Account of expenses.
- W-16/ff In the Court of I. Sundas, Magistrate 1st Class, Cooch
Behar, Sadar Case No. CR-260 of 1964.
- W-16/gg In the Court of Shri I. Sundas, Magistrate 1st Class,
Sadar, Cooch Behar- Cr. Case No. 260 of 1964.
- W-16/hh In the Court of Sub- Divisional Magistrate, Jalpaiguri,
Shaulamari Ashram and other complainants Vs. Uttam Chand
Malhotra and other accused.
- W-16/ii Order of the Magistrate dated 13-7-64.
- W-16/jj Urdu paper cutting No. 3 (Daily Pradeep).
- W-16/kk Urdu Paper cutting No. 4 daily pradeep.
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| W-16/ll | -do | 5 | -do- |
| W-16/mm | -do- | 6 | -do- |
| W-16/nn | -do- | 7 | -do |
| W-16/oo | -do- | 8 | -do- |
| W-16/pp | -do- | 9 | -do- |
- W-16/qq One book entitled "When Boss was Ziyauddin"
written by Uttam Chand Malhotra.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY P.S. LAVANIA.

- W-17/A D.O. Letter Dated 3-4-57 from Shah Nawaz Khan, Deputy
Minister, Transport and Railways, India(PS-II).
- W-17/B Envelope addressed to P.S. Lavania, S.O. Malpur, Distt.
Agra.
- W-17/C Letter dated 14.4.53 from Shah Nawaz Khan,
- W-17/D One ~~mark~~ envelope addressed to P.S. Lavania, S.O.
Malpura, Distt. Agra.
- ✓ W-17/E Affidavit of Shri Partha Sarthai Lavania.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI SHIAM LAL JAIN (W.No.21)

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- ✓ W-21/A Letter dated 15.9.70.
- ✓ W-21/B Affidavit - 10 pages.
- ✓ W-21/C Certificate - All India I.N.A. Enquiry & Relief Committee.
- W-21/D Certificate from the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.
- W-21/E Cutting dated 23.1.1965.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI S.A. IYER (W.NO.29).

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- ✓ W-29/A Copy of a D.O. letter No.C.S./229 dated 11.5.51 from M.D. Bhat, Political and Services Deptt., Secretariat, Bombay.
- W-29/B A letter dated 6.6.51 (S.A.II).
- W-29/C A letter dated 6.6.51 (S.A.III).
- W-29/D Route Map of Aeroplane (S.A.IV).
- W-29/E List of the names of Captain, Pilot and certain other persons.
- W-29/F Map of an Aeroplane.
- W-29/G Map of a part of the aeroplane.
- ✓ W-29/H Report of S.A. Iyer on Fatal Aircrash of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at Taihoku (Formosa) on August, 18, 1945 (S.A.V).

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI USMAN PATEL (W.NO.32)

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- W-32/A One letter dated 24th October, 1970 from Shri Usman Patel to Prime Minister of India.
- W-32/B Acknowledgement from the Private Secretary to the Prime Minister.
- W-32/C One Hindi letter dated nil (U.P.1).

- W-32/D A receipt dated 13.12.45 for 21,600 Singapore Dollars (U.P.II).
- W-32/E Memorandum No.1010-0/D(PP) dated 8.5.1953 from Shri M.K. Kutty, Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Defence(U.P.III).
- W-32/F A list of Head quarters Btn. with the number of persons (U.P.IV).

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI MADAN MOHAN PRABHAKAR(W.NO.39).

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- ✓ W-39/A A set of photographs of Netaji and others.
- ✓ W-39/B Letter dated 2nd March, 1971 from Madan Mohan Prabhakar, Secretary, Subhash Research Institute.
- W-39/C Copy of Prayer Resolution passed at Udaypur on 23rd January, 71.
- ✓ W-39/D Letter dated 28th September, 1968 from Madan Mohan Prabhakar, Secretary, Subhas Research Institute.
- W-39/E News paper Guru Sankhnad - dated 29th March, 1964.
- W-39/F -do- 11th May, 1964.
- W-39/G -do- 10th May, 1964.
- W-39/H -dp- 14th August, 1964.
- W-39/I -do- 15th Nov., 1964.
- W-39/J Photograph of the dead body of Nehru and of a person resembling Netaji.
- W-39/K Appendix - 'C'.
- W-39/M One Hindi Book entitled "Samarpan".
- W-39/N One Book written in Hindi entitled Shaulamari Sandhu hi Netaji.
- W-39/O Letter dated 28.12.1970 from Secretary, Subhash Research Institute.

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W-39/P Forecasting Book -let published Pt. Hardev Sharma.
W-40/Q New Paper - Guru Shankhnad - dated 1st Sept., 64.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI SRIVIVASA IYANGAR (W.NO.73)

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W-73/A Photograph Subhas Chandra Bose and party at Madurai
on 6.9.39 (Two copies)(M-I).
W-73/B Two envelopes addressed to Sasivarna Thevar,
Member Madras Legislative Assembly, North Masl,
Street, Madurai.
✓W-73-C Pingal Predictions for India in 1966(Two copies)(M-IV).
W-73/D Letter dated 3.9.63.
W-73/E Acknowledgement Card.
W-73/F Letter dated 16.7.65 from S. Radhakrishnan,
President of India (M.VI).
W-73/G Letter dated 24.8.65 from S. Radhakrishnan,
President of India (M.VII).
W-73/H Letter dated 31.5.64 from P.R. Reddy(M-VIII).
W-73/I Netaji Mistry - "A Hindi Book (M-IX).

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI H.V. KAMATH (W.No.147)

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W-147/A A Hand ~~book~~ Note entitled 'Netaji is alive.'
W-147/B Letter dated 14.9.56 from N. Chandra Mauli, 2122,
I Cross Road, Bangalore-3.
W-147/C Letter No.H.D-6/PCC/71 dated 23.1.71 from the
Secretary to the Govt. of India Mysore, Home Deptt.,
W-147/D Letter dated 27.1.71 from N. Chandra Mauli.
✓W-147/E Letter dated 16.4.66 from Shen Chang Huan, Minister
in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China.
✓W-147/F Copy of a letter dated 16.10.66 addressed to the Hon.
Shen Chang Huan, Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Republic of China, Taiwan.

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- W-147/G Letter dated 10.12.55 from V.L. Sundar Rao.
 - W-147/H Letter dated 12.12.55 from V.L. Sundar Rao.
 - ✓ W-147/I Report on Subhas Chandra Bose from Asstt. Director, Intelligence Bureau, Govtt of India, 7-Div., Bangkok.
 - ✓ W-147/J Report on Ashes may not be Bose's.
 - ✓ W-147/K Report on Circumstances of His Death.
 - ✓ W-147/L C-IV-Part-IV.
 - ✓ W-147/M Report from W.Mck Wright to Major Courtenay Young, Intelligence Division, C.I.C.B., H.G. Sacsea.
 - ✓ W-147/R Extract from Top Secret letter No.SLO/CS/1, dated 1.3.46 from C.I.C.B. to A.D.(J).
 - ✓ W-147/O Extract from Written statement by Watanabe, Kinji 15 Nov. 45.
 - ✓ W-147/P Translation of message regarding death of Bose found in a file of reports belonging to the HIKARI KIKAN.
 - W-147/Q HIKARI KIKAN SIGNAL RE 'T' 24 Aug., 1945 from S. Hyder Capt., O.C. Section.
 - ✓ W-147/R Is Subhas Chandra Bose still alive? Tokyo, Nov.11.
 - ✓ W-147/S Fishy Funeral.
 - ✓ W-147/T Report on visit to Taiwan by Shri H.V. Kamath in Dec.65.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI SAMAR GUHA (W.NO.148).

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- ✓ W-148/A Letter resting with Ref. No.F.91/B/136/62 dated 26.7.62 from Shaulamari Ashram.
- ✓ W-148/B Letter dated 31.7.62 from Ramani Das, Shaulmari Ashram
- ✓ W-148/C Letter dated 31.7.62 from Shaulamari Ashram.
- W-148/D English version of the Bengali letter bearing Ref. No.F.91-B/136/62 dated 25/26.7.62.
- W-148/E English version of the Bengali letter dated 9.8.62 from Shaulmari Ashram.

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- W-148/F Lok Sabha Starred Question No.729.
- ✓ W-148/G Copy of letter dated 20.4.64 from Amiya Nath Bose, M.P. to Shri Jawaharlal Nehru.
- ✓ W-148/H Copy of letter No.293-PMH/64 dated 22.4.64 from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India to Shri Amiya Nath Bose, M.P.
- ✓ W-148/I A Book entitled "Undo this Great Wrong to Netaji."
- W-148/J Memorandum to the President of India by Members of Parliament.
- ✓ W-148/K Letter No.2-F.M./69/858 dated 30.7.69 from Shri Dinesh Singh, Minister of External Affairs, India.
- W-148/L Cyclostyle letter dated 7.8.69 to Smt. Indra Gandhi, Prime Minister of India from Members of Parliament.
- W-148/M Letter No.C/125/18/69/JP dated 23.10.69 from Y.B. Chavan, Home Minister, India.
- W-148/N Letter No.29/48/69-Poll.II dated 12.11.69 from R. Kupu Rao, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.
- W-148/O Letter No.29/48/69-Poll.II dated 15.11.69 from Y.B. Chavan, Home Minister, India.
- W-148/P My Travel Begins dated September 25, 1959.
- ✓ W-148/Q Inter Press.
- W-148/R Letter dated 29.11.73 to Comrade Breshwer.

LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI T.L. SUNDARRA RAO (W.NO.149)

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- ✓ Letter dated 6.12.1955 from Shri E. Bhaskaran.
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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI SUNENDRA MOHAN SINGH (W.NO.154).

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- ✓ Letter dated 8.12.1970 to Shri D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission.

LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI B.V. MALLIK (W.NO.161).

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- ✓ W-161/A Amrita Bazar Patrika dated 7.3.1966.
- ✓ W-161/B A few straight question to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.
- ✓ W-161/C Dosh for the month of Jaishtha, 1379 B.S.(May 77).

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI DHIRENDRA NATH BOSE(W.NO.162).

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- W-162/A Article published in the Bengal daily.
- W-162/B Ananda Bazar Patrika dated 6.11.1970.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI AUROBINDO BOSE (W.NO.165).

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- ✓ W-165/A Ananda Bazar Patrika dated January 25, 1951.
- ✓ W-165/B Hindustan Standard dated April 4, 1956.
- ✓ W-165/C Hindustan Standard dated March 7, 1966.
- ✓ W-165/D Hindustan Standard dated January 24, 1961.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI SUNIL DAS (W.NO.169).

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- ✓ W-169/A Jayashri of Sardia Issue of 1372 B.S.
- W-169/B English version of Mann Hinder Don Footen.
- W-169/C Post Subhas Literature.
- ✓ W-169/D Bharat Barsa for the month of Magh, 1367 B.S.-Sec.186.
- W-169/E Swadinata Issue for the month of Shrivana, 1372 B.S.
(Jayashri).
- ✓ W-169/F Netaji Subhash Chandra - To Judge the Validity of
the Death of - Netaji - written by Dr. R.C.Majumdar.
- ✓ W-169/G Jayashri Netaji Issue for the month of January 1966.
(Paush, 1372 B.S.).
- ✓ W-169/H English version of Exhibit 4(C).

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W-169/I Gist of Independence Day Article.
(English Version of Bengali).

✓ W-169/J Revolution of Bengla Dosh - A Book in Bengali.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY CAPT. L.C. TALWAR (W.NO.175).

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W-175/A Letter dated 17.8.1972 from Capt. L.C. Talwar to
Ewamiji.

W-175/B Nagda Bale Baba ko Bisway Me Gangdo Board Lagana
Balo Ko Mutoro Jawab.

W-175/C Shibpur Ki Janta Ke agraahpar Nagda Bale Baba.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI SUBODH KUMAR DAS OF
HINDUSTAN STANDARD (W.NO.180).

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✓ W-180/A Hindustan Standard dated September 2, 1957.

✓ W-180/D Hindustan Standard dated January 23, 1957.

LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI DURUBA CHATTERJEE
OF AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA (W.NO.181).

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✓ W-181/A Amrita Bazar Patrika dated 3.6.1956.

✓ W-181/B Amrita Bazar Patrika dated 28.8.1957.

✓ W-181/C Amrita Bazar Patrika dated September 14, 1957.

LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI AMIYA NATH BOSE (W.NO.182).

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✓ W-182/A Copy of the letter dated 20th April, 1964 from Shri
Amiya Nath Bose M.P. to Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, P.M.

✓ W-182/B Copy of the letter No.293/PMU/64, dated 22.4.1964
from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to Shri Amiya Nath Bose

W-182/C One wrist watch supposed to be of Netaji.

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✓ W-186/A Shyam Lal Chatopadhyaya - Book "Bharat Barsha" (Bengali)

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI KUNBARAJ MAZDOR (W.NO.194).

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- W-194/A One photograph showing a person resembling Netaji
Beside the dead body of Pt. Nehru.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI PRADIP BOSE (W.NO.195).

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- W-195/A Letter dated 17th October, 1970 from Shri Pradip Bose,
Director, to Mr. Justice G.D. Khosla, Netaji Inquiry
Commission.
- W-195/B Letter dated 18th November, 1970 from Shri Pradip Bose
to Mr. D.K. Das, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission.
- ✓ W-195/C Written statement of Shri Pradip Bose.
- W-195/D Letter dated 9th April, 1973 from Shri Pradip Bose to
Shri S.L. Choera, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission.
- ✓ W-195/E (From the Encyclopedia American Vol.12 page 20-26).

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SMT. MALABIKA DUTTA(W.NO.196).

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- ✓ W-197/A Letter dated 18th August, 1967 from Shri K.Ragan to
Shri Amar Majumdar.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI MAWU ANGAMI (GURIZANTSU)(W.NO.203)

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- ✓ W-203/A One letter dated 11th August, 1972 to the Khosla
Commission from Mawu Angami (Gurizantsu).
- ✓ W-203/B One letter dated 18th Sept., 1972 from Mawu Angami
(Gurizantsu) to the Union Home Minister.
- ✓ W-203/C Copy of a Telegram dated 22.3.1972.

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LIST OF EXHIBIT PRODUCED BY LT. RK. KARNAN (W.NO.215)

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W-215/A The jewells of Mr. Chandra Bose.

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI HAR PRASAD RAI (W.NO.216).

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- ✓ W.No.216/A Death Certificate.
- ✓ W-216/B English version of the Death Certificate.
- ✓ W-216/C Cremation Licence.
- ✓ W-216/D English translation of Cremation Licence.
- ✓ W-216/E Sketch.
- ✓ W-216/F English version of the contents of the sketch.
- ✓ W-216/G Handwritten Statement.
- W-216/H English translation of the Handwritten Statement.
- W-216/I One envelop.
- W-216/J Translation of one letter (No.1).
- W-216/K One letter.
- W.No.216/L Translation of other letter (No.2).

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EXHIBITS PRODUCED BY SHRI D.N. SHARMA (W.NO.218).

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- W-218/A Summon dated 14th September, 73.
- W-218/B Summon dated 14th September, 73.

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LIST OF EXHIBIT PRODUCED BY SHRI PREM BHATIA (W.NO.219).

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- ✓ W-219/A Letter No.SIN/HC/Misc./71.

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LIST NO.2

LIST OF EXHIBITS OTHER THAN THOSE MENTIONED IN LIST NO.1

SHRI MADHUSUDAN DAYAL

✓ Exhibit A

Cutting of Newspaper dated 24th May
'Is Subhas Bose Alive?

SHRI RAM KISHAN SINGH AZAD

✓ Exhibit B

Cutting of Newspaper "The Sunday
Hindustan Standard dated 20th
December, 1970 (Five)".

SHRI CHARAN LAL DAYAL

✓ Exhibit C

Cutting of Newspaper 'M.P. says he
met Netaji in 1946.

✓ Exhibit D

Press cuttings from Far Eastern Countries.

Exhibit E

SHRI V.K. DEWAN

1. 17 pages statement.
2. Affidavit.
3. Cutting of Vishv Netaji (Weekly)
dated 25.9.42.
4. four photographs (Documents No.2,3,4 and 5)
5. True Copy (Document No.7).
6. Cutting of Netaji Newspaper dated
14.3.65 (Document No.7).
7. Cutting of Newspaper 'Letter from P.M.
House to Shri S.C. Bose (Document No.
8) dated 13th May, 1962.
8. Photostat letter from Shri Jawahar Lal
Nehru, Prime Minister to Shri Vijay,
dated 13th May, 1963 and 18th April, 1963
(Document No.10 and 8).
9. Cutting of Newspaper 'Vishv Netaji Weekly
dated 27.2.69 (Document No.11).
10. Cutting of Newspaper Document No.12.

Exhibit F

SHRI C.S. PUNDIR

- ✓ 1. Original letter dated 22.5.1945 addressed
to me by Mr. John Jacob from Singapore.
- ✓ 2. Copies of three statements of Dr. Satya
Narain Sinha, ex-M.P. published in "Bharm
yug" dated 14.8.66, with map.
- ✓ 3. Twenty one newspaper cutting in support
of Netaji being alive.
4. Cutting from Indian Observer dated 13.11.64
relating to Netaji's speech over Azad
Hind Radio (Germany) delivered on 25.3.1942.

Exhibit G

SHRI SHIVA NATH SINGH MAURYA BAZAR

1. One letter dated 23.1.71.
2. One letter dated 11.12.1962.
3. One magazine 'Netaji Visheshag', 1967.

Exhibit H

SHRI SARAD CHANDER SUKLA OP MANAV SEWAK SANGH

1. 10 pages statement dated 27.7.71.
2. Pamphlet.
3. Letter dated 2.2.71 - 2 pages.

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4. Letter dated 2.2.71-92 pages
5. One pamphlet.
6. Letter dated 24.1.71, 23.1.71, 17.1.71, Nil, 4.6.71, 4.6.71.

Exhibit I

SHRI I.B. SAXENA

1. Letter dated 4.1.71.
2. Statement-7 pages.
3. Printed letter dated 31.8.70-4 pages.
4. Statement-7 pages.
5. Printed letter dated 9.9.70-3pages.
6. Letter dated 31.8.70/1.9.70.
7. Newspaper 'Vishva Netaji'-9 papers.
8. A.C. Sarkar Statement.

Exhibit J

SHRI SHIVNATH DAS GUPTA

1. Letter dated 3rd November, 70.
2. Newspaper cutting.
3. Letter dated 3rd November, 70.

Exhibit K

EDITOR HINDUSTAN STANDARD

- ✓ 1. Hindustan Standard dated August 31, 45.
- ✓ 2. Hindustan Standard dated 13.9.1945.

Exhibit L

~~SHRI~~ SHRI MEHTAB SINGH

- ✓ 1. Statement and copy of Radio Tokyo calling.

Exhibit M

SHRI JOGENDRA NATH CHAKRABORTY

- ✓ 1. Extract from Heral Tribune, USA dated 11.2.63.
- ✓ 2. Extract from Peoples Daily (New China News Agency).
- ✓ 3. Extract from Peking, dated 16.3.1960.
- ✓ 4. Extract from Boona Post, Karachi, dated 9.5.70.
- ✓ 5. Extract from Chronicle dated 29.5.70.
- ✓ 6. Extract from Daily Monitor dated 30.5.70 (Patna).
- ✓ 7. Extract from Tibet Observer dated 7.7.70.
- ✓ 8. Photograph of the Peace Delegation of North Vietnam in Paris Peace Talks.

Exhibit N

SHRI B.K. SHAH OF VISWAMITRA

- ✓ 1. Confirmation of the news of Netaji being alive-A Speech by a Congress Member from Garhwal (Photostat copy of Vishwamitra Hindi daily).
2. Photostate copy Vishwamitra.

Exhibit O

SHRI GOKULSINGH PAIS

1. Letter dated 19.12.70 & 7.9.71 & 1.1.71, 11.1.71.
2. One pamphlet 'Sataya Gupta.'

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Exhibit P

SHRI SAKTIPADA SINHA

1. Letter dated 13.10.70, 15.10.70.
2. Statement-6 pages.
3. Newspaper cutting 'The Sunday Statesman dated 26.7.70.
4. Statement-12 pages.
5. Letter dated 13.10.70 with card and dated 19.10.70 and 20.10.70.

Exhibit Q

SHRI BALRAJ TRIKHA

1. A bunch of newspapers.
- 2.

Exhibit R

SHRI DEVEN SEN

- ✓ 1. Letter from Mukund Parekh, P.A. to Shri Deven Sen.
- ✓ 2. Statement issued by Shri Deven Sen dated 17.12.70.
- ✓ 3. Manuscript of the above statement referred to at item No.2.

Exhibit S

Shri HIRA LAL DIXIT

1. Affidavit : Four Books.
2. Congress ke Shv Prikshia ur Netaji Key aane ke pretaekisha'.

THE LAST DAY OF BRITISH RAJ

SHANLMAIR-SARDU KE NETAJI -TWO VOLUMES.

2. Netaji-Azad Hind Gazettee.

Exhibit T

(COL.) DR. RAMA CHANDRA RAO

1. National Committee for Assisting Netaji Inquiry Commission's letter.
2. Two inland letter-statement.
3. One name list.
4. Cutting of Newspaper.
5. One letter-statement.
6. Certificate of Supt. Sub-Jail, Bhubaneswar.
7. Original letter of Govt. of Orissa.
8. Statement from Rama Chandra Panda.
9. One inland letter dated 17.9.70.
10. One letter dated 17.9.70.
11. One Book 'Netaji at Nehru's funeral.

Exhibit U

SHRI B.C. CHAKRAPORTY

- ✓ 1. Statement.

✓ Exhibit V

SHRI U.C. SHARMA

✓ Exhibit W

SHRI U.C. SHARMA

1. Cop. of D.O. letter dated 14.4.64 Publicity Department.
2. Statement.

Exhibit X

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS OF THE STATESMAN.

1. November 3, 1970.
2. November 4, 1970
3. November 15, 1970.
4. November 17, 1970



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated March 13, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow Up)/99-2000/48(IV)/479 dated 26.12.2002 regarding inter alia the whereabouts of Shri Americk Singh Gill of I.N.A.

Our Mission in Kuala Lumpur has informed us that Shri A.S.Gill passed away in Kuala Lumpur around two years ago.

As regards the inquiry to be made in Singapore, we are awaiting a response from our Mission there. We will revert as soon as some information is available.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

March 12, 2003

Dear Shri Goyal,

Please refer to my letter of even number dated February 6, 2003 and reminder of 24.2.2003 regarding the question of conducting a DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We have now been informed by our Mission in Tokyo that they have been urged by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to take quick action in the matter. In view of this, I would request you to apprise us of the decision of Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard to enable us advise our Mission appropriately.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri L.C.Goyal,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi



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भारत के उच्चायुक्त

HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA
KUALA LUMPUR

No.KUA/P/163/01/03

March 6, 2003

Dear

Vijay,

I am writing with reference to your two DO letters No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated February 3, 2003 regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry appointed by the Government of India to inquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We are taking up with the Malaysian Government the request for making available or accessible documents classified or unclassified available in their archives which could facilitate Inquiry Commission.

Regarding whereabouts of Shri A.S.Gill of the Indian National Army, I have to convey that he passed away in Kuala Lumpur about two years ago. This information has been conveyed to me by Shri Gill's brother, Dato G.S.Gill, who is today one of the senior most members of the Indian community here in Kuala Lumpur. He is still active in several social organizations and is among the leaders of the Sikh community in Malaysia. His details are as follows:-

Dato' G.S.Gill
G.S.Gill Sdn.Bhd.
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106 Jln Tuanku Abdul Rahman
50100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Tel.No.603-2698 3477 Fax.No.603-2693 5131
Email: mcgill@tm.net.my
HPG: www.gsgill.net.my

Residence: 6 Jln Gallagher, 50480 Kuala Lumpur
Tel.No. 603-2692 8323

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I have spoken to Dato' G.S.Gill. He has sent me a copy of the enclosed book entitled "Indian National Army Secret Service" written by Moti Lal Bhargava and Americk Singh Gill and published in New Delhi in 1988. Dato' Gill has also indicated that he would be happy to convey to the Mukherjee Inquiry Commission any information that he may have, in response to questions raised by the Mukherjee Inquiry Commission.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(VEENA SIKRI)

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
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| To | Foreign New Delhi | Fax No. | |
| For | Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary(CNV) | From | Biren Nanda, Deputy Chief of Mission |
| Rptd | Shri Nalin Surie, Additional Secretary(EA) | Date | March 12, 2003 |
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Subject: DNA test on the mortal remains kept in Renkoji Temple, Tokyo

This refers to the issues raised in Ambassador's letter No.TOK/102/02/03 dated January 28, 2003 requesting Ministry's response to certain issues related to the DNA tests. We have received a reminder from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry who have urged quick action in the matter. A copy of their fax is attached to this letter.

We would be grateful if Ministry could expedite its opinion in the matter so that the Embassy is not held in contempt of the Hon'ble Commission.


Ministry may also kindly advise the Embassy on what response we should give to the Hon'ble Commission at this juncture. The Commission is not so far aware of the contents of the communications from the Hon'ble Chairperson of the Standing Committee on External Affairs in Parliament.

Lstt kina yb.

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Let us remind MHA.

Thereafter pl. discuss X.


12.3.2003

(Biren Nanda)

US(AS/IO)

Please put up a reminder for JS(CNV)'s
signature.

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Biren Nanda

From: "JMCI" <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
 To: <dcn@indembjp.org>
 Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2003 5:49 PM
 Subject: Feasibility of DNA tests.

**Justice Mukherjee Commission of
Inquiry**

For Inquiry Into the Alleged Disappearance of

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| For | Shri Biren Nanda, Charg d' Affaires | From | P K Sengupta, Secretary |
| Rptd | | Date | 11.03.2003 |
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**SUB : OPINION AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF DNA TESTS ON THE
MORTAL REMAINS KEPT IN RENKOJI TEMPLE, JAPAN**

Kindly refer to your fax of December 26, 2002 on the aforesaid subject. No further communication in this regard has yet been received from your end.

I am to request you to kindly refer to the last and the penultimate paras of your above-quoted fax dated December 26, 2002 and send the report as asked for by the Commission, as early as possible in order to enable the Commission to take further necessary action in the matter.

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With warm regards,

(P.K.Sengupta)



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THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA

INDIA HOUSE

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Lon/Pol/103/17/2000

February 24, 2003

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I had written to Jonathan on November 22 regarding some British intelligence records sought by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry which is enquiring into the circumstances of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

As I have received no reply from FCO and we are getting reminders from the Inquiry Commission, I would be grateful for your personal intervention in expediting a reply.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Vikas Swarup)

Mr. Peter Holland
Head, India Section
South Asian Department
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
LONDON

Copy to Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS(CNV), wrt to his DO No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated January 31, 2003.

With warm regards,

(Vikas Swarup)



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भारत का राजदूतावास, बैंकाक
EMBASSY OF INDIA
BANGKOK

No. Ban/Pol/103/6/03

February 19, 2003

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Government of Thailand and has the honour to state that the Government of India has appointed the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the circumstances of the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith. The Commission has requested that the relevant information and documents be obtained or made accessible to the Commission which pertain to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose including:

- whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash as alleged;
- whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji;
- whether he had died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

The Embassy shall be grateful if the esteemed Ministry could make available or accessible at the earliest convenience all documents, classified or unclassified, which are in the possession or under the control of the Royal Government of Thailand in the archives, as these would facilitate the inquiry of the Commission.

The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Government of Thailand the assurances of its highest consideration.

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and African Affairs
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Royal Government of Thailand
Bangkok.



Copy to Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary(CNV), MEA, New Delhi.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCII/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70 (Vol. II) /558 Kolkata, dated, February 26, 2003

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
The Joint Secretary (CM)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Slr. 213/c of Vol. VIII

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO - Vol. VIII dated 3.12.02 and to request you to kindly take appropriate action to help the Commission have access to the documents referred to in the letter dated 01.11.2002 of Shri Nandalal Chakraborty which was enclosed with the Commission's letter No. JMCII/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/433 dated 27.11.2002.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty.

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Action already taken (Encl. to S.no. 8/c)
4/3/03



विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX (I)

Dated February 28, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/549 dated 18.2.2003.

As the Commission is aware, our Mission in London took up the question of declassification of relevant classified British documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in November 2002 with the concerned authorities in the U.K. The matter has been followed up with them. However, till date no response has been received from the British authorities.

Furthermore, following the directions of the Commission to approach various governments to make available all records, relevant to the points of inquiry, in their possession or under their control, all our concerned Missions have taken up the matter with the appropriate authorities. We are awaiting response from the concerned governments and will convey the same as soon as available.

Regarding the last para of the Commission's letter No. DOC(FOR)/99-2000-56(IV)/398 dated 11.11.2002, our response is as under.

Our Mission in Moscow had forwarded the list of archives furnished by Dr.(Mrs.) Purabi Roy to the Russian Foreign Office on 12th March 2001 with the request to make accessible all archival documents in the Russian Federation relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the INA. In response, the Russian Foreign Office had forwarded some documents, which were sent to the Commission vide our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 1.10.2001. We have now asked our Mission in Moscow to check with the Russian Foreign Office about the presence of any relevant documents with specific reference to the archives mentioned in the list of Dr. Purabi Roy.

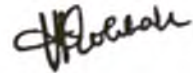
In the meanwhile, our Mission is also checking with the Russian Foreign Office on the points raised by the Commission in their letter of 11.11.2002 regarding the list of archives in the Russian Federation.

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As regards the list of archives in the States of the erstwhile USSR, we have sent to the Commission the information already available from some of these countries (our letters of even number dated 3.2.2003 and 11.2.2003 refer). Information from the remaining countries is being procured and will be sent to the Commission as soon as these are received.

Bestwishes

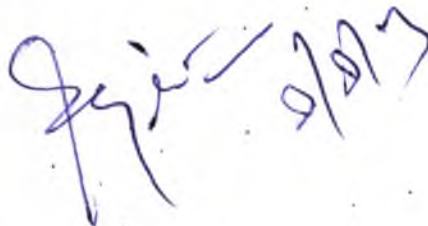
Yours sincerely,



(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087





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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX (I)

Dated February 28, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

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This is in continuation of my letter of even number dated 11.2.2003 forwarding inter alia the list of archives in Turkmenistan.

Our Mission in Turkmenistan has been informed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan that their National Archives do not have any information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. A copy of the reply received by our Mission in this connection is enclosed.

In the meanwhile, our Mission in Belarus has sent the list of archives in Belarus and Lithuania, which are enclosed herewith. In this connection, our Mission has also informed that all requests for service from the listed archives must be specific and all service rendered are charged.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(III)

Dated February 28, 2003

Dear Venkatesh,

Please refer to my letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 3rd December, 2002 seeking certain clarifications regarding archives in Russia as desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

I would be grateful if the desired information/clarifications could be sent at an early date since we are receiving reminders in this regard from the Commission.

Reg—

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri D.B.Venkatesh Varma
Counsellor(Pol)
Embassy of India
Moscow

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High Commission of India.
Singapore

No. SIN/POL/102/2/03

February 18, 2003.

The High Commission of India in Singapore presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honour to inform that Government of India has appointed Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the circumstances of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including:

- whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash as alleged;
- Whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji;
- Whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- If he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

The High Commission requests the esteemed Ministry to make available or accessible to the High Commission at the earliest convenience all documents both governmental or non-governmental which could facilitate the inquiry of Commission

The High Commission would appreciate to receive all information, documents mentioned in the foregoing.

The High Commission of India in Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Directorate IV
Singapore
(Attn: Mr. Kwok Wong PUN, Director)

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Copy to: Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, w.r.t. his letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated February 3, 2003.

(Ravi Bangar)
Deputy High Commissioner

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High Commission of India.
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No. SIN/POL/102/2/03

February 18, 2003.

The High Commission of India in Singapore presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honour to convey that Government of India has appointed Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The Commission has desired to have full information regarding office of the Indian National Army (INA) stationed and functioning in Singapore.

The High Commission would appreciate for receiving information from the esteemed Ministry on this matter.

The High Commission of India in Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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(Attn: Mr. Kwok Wong PUN, Director)

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Copy to: Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, w.r.t. his letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated February 3, 2003.

Ravi Bangar
(Ravi Bangar)
Deputy High Commissioner



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No. DUB/321/1/03

18 February 2003

The Embassy of India in Dublin presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Ireland and has the honour to state the following:-

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose was one of the leading figures in India's struggle for independence from colonial rule in the first half of the 20th century. His invaluable services to the nation have placed him in India's pantheon of great national leaders. In the midst of his activities in the cause of India's independence, he is reported to have disappeared, allegedly killed in an air crash, in 1945. A Commission of Inquiry was appointed by the Government of India in 1999 to investigate the circumstances in this regard.

The Commission has now forwarded a request to make available or accessible to them at the earliest convenience all documents, classified or unclassified, which are in the possession and/or under the control of the Government of Ireland and/or are in the various archives in the country that could facilitate the inquiry of the Commission. It might be added here that in the course of his activities, Mr. Bose is said to have traveled to Ireland in the 1930s.

In view of the request of the Commission of Inquiry, it would be greatly appreciated if the documents requested could be made available; additionally, if this Embassy needs to approach any other authorities or institutions in Ireland for the purpose, it would appreciate being suitably advised.

In thanking the Department of Foreign Affairs in advance for its consideration of this matter, the Embassy of India in Dublin avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Department of Foreign Affairs
Government of Ireland
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NOO: Copy to: Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS (CNV), MEA, New Delhi
with reference to his letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 3.2.2003.

Good wishes,

Menon
(Prabhakar Menon)
Ambassador

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No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/549

Kolkata, dated, February 18, 2003

From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (C N V)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to this Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/398 dated 11.11.02, I am directed to request you to kindly let the Commission know in details the action taken at your end and the outcome thereof in respect of the matters of paras 1 and 2 of the said letter as also to send a comprehensive reply as requested in the last para of the said letter as expeditiously as possible indicating inter alia the archives which are likely to have information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and I.N.A.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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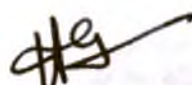
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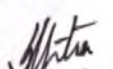
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Reference your fax No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 20th February. A copy of the reply of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, which could not be enclosed with our letter dated 8th February through an oversight, is enclosed herewith.

With regards,


**(R.M. Roy)
Ambassador**


US (NR)

Please forward to JMC.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India and with reference to the Embassy's note No. Ash/378/2002 dated 23rd December, 2002, has the honor to state that the Major Archives Administration within the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan does not have available data on Mr. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Indian National Army.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ashgabat, «03» February, 2003.

**EMBASSY OF
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भारत का राजदूत
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Ambassador of India
Minsk

No.MSK/102/1/2003

Dated: 15 January 2003

Dear Vijay

This has reference to your letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 30 October and 27 November 2002 requesting for list of archives in Belarus and Lithuania. All requests for service from the listed archives must be specific and all service rendered are charged.

The list, as requested is enclosed. This may kindly be forwarded to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Regards

Yours sincerely

B.R. Muthu Kumar

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary [CNV]
Ministry of External Affairs
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| 1 | City register of civil status | Minsk-220030, Lodochnaia st, 10 | 17-227-38-23 |
| 2 | Regional register of civil status | Minsk-220030, Lodochnaia st, 10 | 17-227-70-33 |
| 3 | Regional register of civil status | Brest-224030, Svobody sq, 18 | 162-26-73-22 |
| 4 | Regional register of civil status | Vicebsk-210010, Gogolia st, 6 | 212-36-62-81 |
| 5 | Regional register of civil status | Gomel-246000, Krestianskaia st, 20 | 232-53-63-63 |
| 6 | Regional register of civil status | Grodno-230023, Ozheshko st, 3 | 152-47-09-54 |
| 7 | Regional register of civil status | Mogiliov-212030, Dom Sovetov, 26 | 222-32-67-90 |
| 8 | City archive of personnel | Mogiliov-212007, Cheliuskintsev 33 | 222-25-29-31 |
| 9 | City archive of personnel | Vicebsk-210000, Zamkovaia 4 | 212-37-06-69 |
| 10 | City archive of personnel | Lepel-211180, Gorkogo, 1 | 2132-4-39-10 |
| 11 | City archive of personnel | Novopolotsk-211440, Parkovaia, 18 | 214-55-84-60 |
| 12 | City archive of personnel | Grodno-230023, Tyzengauza sq, 4/23 | 152-44-26-24 |
| 13 | City archive of personnel | Lida-231300, Sovetskaia 8 | 1561-2-22-53 |
| 14 | City archive of personnel | Bobruisk-213800, Uritskogo, 125 | 2251-7-45-65 |
| 15 | City archive of personnel | Gomel-246000, Sovetskaia 16 | 232-55-34-31 |
| 16 | City archive of personnel | Dobrush-247050, Marksa, 6 | 2333-2-15-40 |
| 17 | City archive of personnel | Zhitkovichi-247960, Engelsa, 4 | 2353-2-15-40 |
| 18 | City archive of personnel | Zhlobin-247210, Vorovskogo, 35 | 2334-2-55-50 |
| 19 | City archive of personnel | Petrikov-247940, Gagarina, 17 | 2350-2-31-37 |
| 20 | City archive of personnel | Svetlogorsk-247400, Lenina, 36 | 2342-2-33-45 |
| 21 | City archive of personnel | Chechersk-247150, Lenina, 2 | 2332-3-11-30 |
| 22 | Regional archive of personnel | Kirovsk-213940, Kirova 80 | 2237-2-26-35 |
| 23 | Regional archive of personnel | Korma-247170, Iliuschenko, 34 | 2337-2-13-97 |
| 24 | Regional archive of personnel | Zelva-231930, 17 th September, 29 | 1564-2-23-35 |
| 25 | Regional archive of personnel | Ivie-231330, Komsomolskaia sq, 1 | 1595-2-69-45 |
| 26 | Regional archive of personnel | Mosty-231600, Lenina sq, 3 | 1515-3-31-32 |
| 27 | Regional archive of personnel | Korelichi-231430, 17 th September, 9 | 1596-2-07-31 |
| 28 | Regional archive of personnel | Chashniki-211150, Sovetskaia, 71 | 2137-2-25-91 |
| 29 | Regional archive of personnel | Sharkovschina-211910, Rabochaia, 1 | 2154-2-15-33 |
| 30 | Regional archive of personnel | Volkovysk-231900, Dzerzhinskogo, 3 | 1512-2-25-30 |
| 31 | Regional archive of personnel | Voronovo-231370, Sovetskaia, 27 | 1594-2-17-47 |
| 32 | Regional archive of personnel | Braslav-211970, Oktiabrskaja, 15 | 2153-2-91-09 |
| 33 | Regional archive of personnel | Polotsk-211400, Tolstogo, 6 | 214-46-06-18 |
| 34 | Regional archive of personnel | Senno-211120, Oktiabrskaja, 16 | 2135-2-81-22 |
| 35 | Regional archive of personnel | Tolochin-211070, Volodarskogo, 62 | 2136-3-13-43 |
| 36 | Regional archive of personnel | Oshmiany-231100, Sovetskaia, 103 | 1593-2-23-91 |
| 37 | Regional archive of personnel | Smorgon-231000, Lenina, 5 | 1592-3-24-25 |
| 38 | Regional archive of personnel | Schuchin-231510, Svobody sq, 11 | 1514-2-14-34 |
| 39 | Regional archive of personnel | Beinyichi-213160, Sovetskaia 29 | 2232-5-23-48 |
| 40 | Regional archive of personnel | Glusk-213860, Kirova, 16 | 2230-2-29-25 |
| 41 | Regional archive of personnel | Dribin-213430, Sovetskaia | 2248-2-52-09 |
| 42 | Regional archive of personnel | Klichev-213900, Leninskaia, 56 | 2236-2-14-07 |
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| 44 | Regional archive of personnel | Kostiukovich-213640, Leninskaya 93 | 2245-2-19-76 |
| 45 | Regional archive of personnel | Krichev-213500, Sovetskaia 49 | 2241-5-20-74 |
| 46 | Regional archive of personnel | Krugloie-213180, Sovetskaia 36 | 2234-2-18-86 |
| 47 | Regional archive of personnel | Mstislavl-213470, Kalinina 21 | 2240-5-07-75 |
| 48 | Regional archive of personnel | Osipovich-213760, Sumchenko-30/1 | 2235-2-22-41 |
| 49 | Regional archive of personnel | Slavgorod-213240, Dzerzhinskogo, 4 | 2246-2-39-52 |
| 50 | Regional archive of personnel | Khotimsk-213660, Lenina sq 2 | 2247-2-30-25 |
| 51 | Regional archive of personnel | Chausy-213200, Leninskaia 17 | 2242-2-17-56 |
| 52 | Regional archive of personnel | Cherikov-213530, Boldina 31 | 2243-2-32-47 |
| 53 | Regional archive of personnel | Shklov-213010, Dom Sovetov | 2239-3-34-94 |
| 54 | Regional archive of personnel | Gorki-213410, Iakubovskogo-7 | 2233-2-28-66 |
| 55 | Institute of archives | Minsk-220002, Kropotkina, 55 | 17-268-66-93 |
| 56 | Belarusian State Archive of Cinema & Photo documents | Dzerzhinsk-222720, Fominykh, 1 | 1716-5-47-81 |

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| 57 | Belarusian State Archive of Scientific and Technical Documentation | Minsk-220030, Kiril & Mefodi 4 | 17-227-01-97 |
| 58 | Belarusian State Archive-Museum of Literature and Arts | Minsk-220030, Kiril & Mefodi 4 | 17-227-47-81 |
| 59 | Belarusian Scientific & Research Center of Electronic Documentation | Minsk-220141, Staroborisovski tract, 51-409 | 17-264-76-71 |
| 60 | Main Funds of State Archive | Vicebsk-210005, Lenina, 32 | 212-36-62-21 |
| 61 | State Archive of Brest region | Brest-224005, Engelsa 8 | 162-26-22-45 |
| 62 | State Archive of Vicebsk region | Vicebsk-210015, Kalinina 22 | 212-37-21-98 |
| 63 | State Archive of Gomel region | Gomel-246042, 8 per. Ilichea, 26a | 2322-3-55-13 |
| 64 | State Archive of Grodno region | Grodno-230005, Dzerzhinskogo, 84 | 152-72-24-43 |
| 65 | State Archive of Minsk region | Minsk-220038, Kozlova 26 | 17-236-14-26 |
| 66 | State Archive of Mogiliov region | Mogiliov-212012, Cheliuskintsev 172a | 222-31-61-34 |
| 67 | State Archive of Civil Associations of Gomel region | Gomel-246050, Krestianskaia st, 14 | 232-53-33-74 |
| 68 | State Archive of Civil Associations of Grodno region | Grodno-230023, Zamkovaia 20 | 152-44-22-19 |
| 69 | State Archive of Civil Associations of Mogiliov region | Mogiliov-212030, Pervomaiskaia 28a | 222-22-84-90 |
| 70 | State Committee on Archives and Documentation of the Republic of Belarus | Minsk-220048, Kollektomaia 10 | 17-220-51-20 |
| 71 | Zonal State Archive | Baranovich-225320, Lisina 12 | 163-42-14-26 |
| 72 | Zonal State Archive | Kobrin-225860, Sovetskaia 129/1 | 1642-2-25-47 |
| 73 | Zonal State Archive | Pinsk-225710, Brestskaia 139 | 165-34-12-18 |
| 74 | Zonal State Archive | Glubokoie-211800, Gospitalnaia 5 | 2156-2-15-33 |
| 75 | Zonal State Archive | Orsha-211030, Komsomolskaia 21 | 2161-2-27-61 |
| 76 | Zonal State Archive | Polotsk-211400, Skoriny, 6a | 214-44-86-03 |
| 77 | Zonal State Archive | Zhlobin-247210, Fokanova, 2a | 2334-2-17-84 |
| 78 | Zonal State Archive | Mozyr-247760, Oktabrskaja, 2 | 2351-2-15-96 |
| 79 | Zonal State Archive | Rechitsa-247500, Michurina, 111 | 2340-3-23-35 |
| 80 | Zonal State Archive | Lida-231300, Pobedy, 63 | 1561-2-59-93 |
| 81 | Zonal State Archive | Novogrudok-231400, Vysokaia 2a | 1597-2-07-88 |
| 82 | Zonal State Archive | Borisov-222120, Chapaieva 27 | 1777-3-26-27 |
| 83 | Zonal State Archive | Molodechno-222310, Libavo-Romenskaia 69 | 1773-7-77-33 |
| 84 | Zonal State Archive | Slutsk-223610, Lenina 151 | 1795-5-30-85 |
| 85 | Zonal State Archive | Bobruisk-213826, Libknekhta 59 | 2251-2-18-53 |
| 86 | Zonal State Archive | Krichev-213500, Pionerskaia 1 | 2241-5-14-92 |
| 87 | National Archive of the Republic of Belarus | Minsk-220030, Kirova st, 43 | 17-222-32-29 |
| 88 | National Historic Archive of Belarus | Minsk-220002, Kropotkina, 55 | 17-268-65-23 |
| 89 | National Historic Archive of Belarus | Grodno-230023, Tyzengausa sq 2 | 152-44-94-66 |
| 90 | Department of archives and documentation of city council | Brest-224005, Naganova, 10 | 162-26-54-62 |
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| 92 | Department of archives and documentation of city council | Gomel-246050, Lenina ave, 2 | 232-53-41-45 |
| 93 | Department of archives and documentation of city council | Minsk-220029, Varvasheni 17/1 | 17-284-45-75 |
| 94 | Department of archives and documentation of city council | Mogiliov-212030, Pervomaiskaia 28a | 222-22-72-51 |
| 95 | Department of archives and documentation of city council | Grodno-230005, Dzerzhinskogo 24 | 152-47-21-66 |
| 96 | Central laboratory of micro photo copying and restoration of documents | Minsk-220038, Kozlova 26 | 17-236-43-85 |

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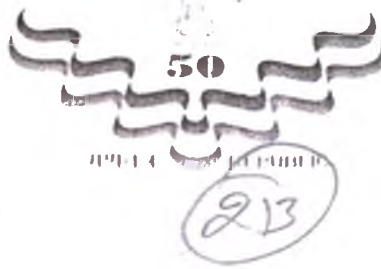
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

February 24, 2003

Dear Shri Goyal,

Please refer to my letter of even number dated February 6, 2003 regarding the question of conducting a DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I would be grateful if the advice of the Ministry of Home Affairs in this matter is conveyed to us at an early date.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri L.C.Goyal,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi

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From Foreign New Delhi

To Indembassy Ashgabat (Fax No. 00-99-312-452434)

Ambassador from Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV)

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

This has reference to your letter No. ASH/103/1/2003 dated February 8, 2003 on the above mentioned subject.

The copy of the reply of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan has not been received with the aforesaid letter. Grateful if this is faxed to me at 00-91-11-23792285.

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Ambassador from Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV)


Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

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(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary (CNV)
20.2.2003



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No. ASH/103/1/2003

February 7, 2003

Dear *Shri Gokhale,*

Please refer to your letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 27th November 2002 regarding additional information required by Justice Mukherjee Commission appointed by the Government to inquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

We have been informed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan that their National Archives do not have any information on Netaji Bose. A copy of their reply is enclosed herewith.

Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(R. M. Roy)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block,
New Delhi

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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No. JMCII/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/534(7).

Kolkata, dated, 10th Feb. '03.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

- To
- 1) The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.
 - 2) The Secretary,
Ministry of Defence (History Division),
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.
 - 3) The Secretary,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,
Government of India,
Akashbani Bhavan,
Parliament Street,
New Delhi-110001.
 - 4) The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.
 - 5) The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.
 - 6) The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat,
Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan,
New Delhi-110004.
 - 7) The Director,
Intelligence Bureau,
Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Status Report from 01.01.2003
to 31-01.2003.

Ref : Your Office Letter No.1/12014/
I/2000-IS(D.III) dt. 07.02.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report'
of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
for favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Encl : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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All the points in this
Report have been
replied to. No
further action is
therefore required.

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For Inquiry into the Alleged Disappearance of
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STATUS REPORT

(From 01.01.2003 to 31.01.2003)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the earlier Status Report forwarded under Commission's Registered letter No. JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/503(7) dated 13.01.2003 to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of External Affairs, and Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their end.
2. The Commission has been persistently asking the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, for their affidavit on existence/non-existence/availability/non-availability, etc. of the complete records of the proceedings of the trial of the I.N.A. personnel which is yet to be received.
3. Xerox copies of Prime Minister Office's letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated 11.07.2002 and the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/132 dated 21.06.2002 were sent to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/315 dated 06.09.2002 wherein he was requested to kindly send immediately a true copy of the entire note dated 30.09.1993 of Shri A.K. Sinha, Under Secretary, A.P. submitted to J.S., A.P. which is available in the Ministry of External Affairs, as stated in the aforesaid letter dated 11.07.2002 of the Prime Minister's Office. The document called for is yet to be located by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and sent by them to the Commission.

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4. With Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/272 dated October 10, 2002 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, xerox copies of Prime Minister Office's letter No.915/11/C/2/2002-Pol. dated 3rd/5th September, 2002 addressed to the Commission, P.M.O.'s U.O. No.PMS-307 dated 05.01.1974 sent to Shri T.C.A. Nivasavardan, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and d.o. letter No.24/27/71-Pol.II(D.III) dated May 3/4, 1974 of the Home Minister addressed to Samar Guha, M.P. were enclosed and the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was requested to kindly furnish to the Commission immediately the details of documents which could be secured by the Government of India and supplied to the Khosla Commission as also the particulars of the documents which could not be secured by them because of their non-availability along with authenticated xerox copies of different affidavits of the Ministry of Home Affairs filed before the Khosla Commission in the matter and of the reply given by the Home Minister in the Lok Sabha on 27th March, 1974 as stated in the aforesaid d.o. letter dated 3/4 May, 1974 of the Home Minister addressed to Shri Samar Guha, M.P. He was further requested to kindly send immediately an authenticated xerox copy of the reply, if any, given by the Ministry of Home Affairs to Shri Samar Guha as requested in para 4 of the aforesaid P.M.O.'s U.O. Note No.PMS-307 dated 05.01.1974. The reports/particulars/documents as called for from the Ministry of Home Affairs are still awaited.

5. The Secretary, Prime Minister's Office has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(III)/188 dated July 12, 2002 to furnish the Commission immediately with the documents mentioned against four Com. Nos., viz., com. 11, 30(R)(2), 30(S)(2), and 30(V)(I), since those documents do not appear to have been submitted to the Commission as yet which is supposed to be done by the Prime Minister's Office as mentioned in the

3rd para of the d.o. letter No.IV/8(66)/2001-2184 dated 12.12.01 of Shri Sanjoy Sinha, Joint Director, I2, Govt. of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, a xerox copy of which has been enclosed with the aforesaid letter dated 12.07.02 of the Commission. A xerox copy of the list of exhibits marked as "Com. No." of Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry was sent to the Director, Prime Minister's Office by Registered Post with Commission's letter No.502 dated January 10, 2003 as desired by the Prime Minister's Office in their letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated January 2, 2003. The documents called for are still awaited.

6. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, has again been requested by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(III)/121 dated June 14, 2002 to send immediately authenticated true copies of the papers/documents concerning Sl.Nos.(ii),(iii),(iv),(v), & (vi) of para 1 of the letter No.281/12/1/2000-TS dated September 19, 2001 of the Cabinet Secretariat, Govt. of India, addressed to the Commission which indicates that those papers/documents have been sent to the M.H.A. by the Cabinet Sectt. A copy of the said letter of the Cabinet Sectt. has been enclosed with the Commission's aforesaid letter dated June 14, 2002. A self-contained reminder was sent by Registered Post to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs by the Commission's letter No.339 dated 24.09.02. The reply given by the Ministry of Home Affairs in their letter No.1/12014/13/2000-IS(D.V.) dated January 2, 2003 in the matter is being considered in the light of other relevant materials available on records.
7. Under Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/236(3) dated August 1, 2002, the Secretaries, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, have been furnished with xerox copies of the d.o. letter dated January 3, 1974 of Shri Samar Guha, M.P. addressed to Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India and of the reply thereto dated January 9, 1974 given by Smt. Indira Gandhi to Shri Samar Guha and they have been requested to kindly send immediately to the Commission authenticated true copies of all the documents, copies of which were lying in P.M.O.'s File No.12(226)/56-PM since destroyed, as also authenticated true copies of all those files which contain the said documents, the copies of which were lying in the said destroyed

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file as stated by the then Prime Minister in her aforesaid d.o. letter dated January 9, 1974. The M.E.A. has stated in reply that the said documents belong to the files of the Prime Minister's Office. No reply of the Ministry of Home Affairs appears to have been received in the matter. The P.M.O. in their letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated 3rd/5th September, 2002 has referred to Commission's letter No. 228 dated 30.07.02 and Commission's aforesaid letter No.236(3) dated August 1, 2002 and has sent a reply to Commission's aforesaid letter No.228 dated 30.07.02 while their purported reply to Commission's letter No.236(3) dated August 1, 2002 is not compatible with the contentions of d.o. letter No.11-PMO/74 dated January 9, 1974 of Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister, addressed to Shri Samar Guha, M.P., a xerox copy of which was enclosed with Commission's aforesaid letter No.236(3) dated August 1, 2002. Besides, the said reply of the Prime Minister's Office to Commission's aforesaid letter dated August 1, 2002 adduces ~~no~~ cogent reason for their inability to send their documents called for by the Commission in its letter No.236(3) dated August 1, 2002.

3. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's registered confidential letter No. JMCI/Records/2000-01/37(II)/533 dated January 28, 2002 to let the Commission know what was the outcome of the action, if any, taken on U.O. No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol. dated September 21, 1990 of the Prime Minister's Office addressed to Shri Naresh Chandra, the then Home Secretary, Government of India, wherewith a copy of the letter dated September 13, 1990 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose addressed to Shri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India and of the enclosure thereto which is a xerox copy of the news titled, "Fresh Clue on Netaji's Death" published in the 'Times of India' (New Delhi) dated September 3, 1990 were sent to the Home Secretary, Government of India, for appropriate action. It has also been stated in the said letter dated 28.01.2002 of the Commission that the said letter dated September 13, 1990 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose

with its enclosure and the said U.O. Note dated September 21, 1990 of the Prime Minister's Office are available in File No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office, on the subject, "Netaji Subhas Bose - Bringing in the ashes of". A self-contained reminder has been sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs by Registered Post vide Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/195 dated July 22, 2002. The reply of the Ministry ^{of Home Affairs} is still awaited.

9.(a) By Commission's registered letter No.310 dt. 06.09.2002, the attention of the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs Government of India was drawn to Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/201 dated 27.07.2002 and he was requested to report to the Commission immediately the details of action taken on the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L. Sondhi, M.P., Lok Sabha, addressed to the then President of India and the outcome thereof. The said letter of Shri Sondhi was sent by the Prime Minister's Office to the Ministry of Home Affairs under the former's U.O. No.2(64)/56-70-PM dated October 22, 1970 for such action as was considered appropriate. A copy of the said letter dated 15.10.1970 was also enclosed with the Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II) : 608(2) dated March 14, 2002 sent earlier to the Ministry of Home Affairs in the matter. The report ~~a~~ called for from the M.H.A. is still being awaited.

(b) By Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/226(2) dated July 30, 2002 the reports were called for from the Ministry of External Affairs and the Prime Minister's Office regarding the action taken by them on the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L. Sondhi, M.P., Lok Sabha, addressed to the then President of India as mentioned hereinbefore. In reply, the Prime Minister's Office has requested the Commission by their letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated August 27, 2002 to approach the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter. The report called for has not been received from the Ministry of External Affairs [and also from the Ministry of Home Affairs as already stated].

10. By d.o. letter No.JMCI/Records/99-2000/37(III)/359 dated October 3, 2002 of the Secretary of the Commission addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, the attention of the latter was drawn to a special message from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose of the Provincial Government of Azad Hind (Singapore) broadcast on 31.42 Metres in 2115-25 hrs. daily "commentry in English" on August 18, 1945 which appears to have been monitored by the monitoring service of all India Radio, Simla, and presented to the National Archives of India by the Publication Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. A copy of the said message has been enclosed with the said d.o. letter dated October 3, 2002 for ready reference. The Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was requested to throw some light on the points whether the message was live and a direct broadcast or whether the broadcast was of a pre-recorded message/speech of Netaji. The response of the said Ministry in the matter is still awaited.
11. By Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Study(PMO)- Follow Up/2002-2003/84/257 dated August 14, 2002, read with its registered letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/348 dated 27.09.02, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested to kindly send immediately a complete list of the names and addresses of all the Archives in Russia as also in other States which previously belonged to erstwhile USSR. We have received a list of 9 (nine) archives in Russia from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with their d.o. letter No.24/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated October 21, 2002 but the complete list as called for is still awaited.
12. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs was requested by Commission's registered letters dated August 1, 2002 and dated 27.09.2002 to kindly provide the Commission with the particulars of the US documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose pertaining to the period from August, 1945 onwards, if any, which are available in the National Archives of the U.S.A. and x Records Administration, Maryland, U.S.A. as also in

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other archives of the U.S.A. including Mac Arthy Archives, the Archives of the Princeton University, Hoover Institution, Standford, U.S.A. etc. The response is still awaited.

13. The letter No.281/12/1/2000-TS dated November 13, 2002 of the Director, Cabinet Sectt., Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, which is in reply to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/374 dated October 10, 2002 addressed to the Secretary, Cabinet Sectt., Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, does not contain the information about the Department/Ministry/Office, out of which the Cabinet Sectt. was formed or about the Department/Ministry/Office of the Government of India which used to look after the works now being looked after by the Cabinet Sectt., Rashtrapati Bhavan and the Cabinet Sectt., Bikaner House Annexe, New Delhi, as called for. The said information is still awaited.
14. By Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/235 dated August 1, 2002 the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was requested to report to the Commission immediately what action was taken on the P.M.O.'s endorsement No.870/11/P/10/93-Pol. dated 08.04.93 to the Home Secretary, New Delhi, wherewith copies of the letter dated March 22, 1993 of Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, the then President of India, along with a copy of the letter dated March 13, 1993, jointly authored by Shri Triguna Sen, Shri Amiya Kumar Mazumder, and Shri Autobinda Nath Bose, some of the distinguished citizens of Calcutta, addressed to the President of India, were forwarded to the Home Secretary, New Delhi, for appropriate action, as also to report what was the outcome of the said action. The Ministry of Home Affairs have stated inter alia in their letter No. I/12014/13/2000-IS(V) dated 24.10.2002 received by the Commission on 30.10.2002 that the matter was referred to the Ministry of External Affairs for appropriate action.

The Ministry of External Affairs in their letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated January 1, 2003 has stated inter alia that the letter dated 22.03.93 of Dr. S.D. Sharma, the then President of India, could be located in the records of the Ministry of External Affairs and that no ~~xxxx~~ follow up action was taken on it.

15. To Expedite matters, the Hon'ble Chairman went to Delhi on 28.10.2002 and met the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India. He requested the Hon'ble Minister to persuade the Government of the U.K. to declassify all relevant classified British documents and to take all steps in terms of the d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 26.09.2001 of the then Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs. Apropos the said discussion, the Commission's letter No.398 dated 11.11.2002 was sent by Speed Post to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with the request to take appropriate action in the matter. The Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, in his d.o. letter dated 13.11.2002 addressed to the Hon'ble Chairman has stated inter alia : ".....since the Commission feels that these papers (i.e. classified British records on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) could be of vital importance with reference to its mandate, we have again taken up the issue of their release with the British Government and would keep you informed of the outcome in this regard.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure of all possible assistance from our side to facilitate the inquiry of the Commission."

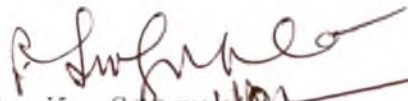
Further development in the matter is still awaited.

16. Notwithstanding the statement made by Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, in the Lok Sabha on 28.08.1978 regarding the availability of "further contemporary official documentary records", no such records could be located by the Prime Minister's Office, the Cabinet Sectt., and the Ministry of External Affairs, as reported by them. The said reports would be considered by the Hon'ble Chairman at the appropriate stage to express

his views thereon. The report called for in the matter from the Ministry of Home Affairs by Commission's Registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/177 dated 29.06.2001 has not yet been received inspite of several reminders.

17. On being requested by the Commission, the Indian Embassy in Japan has agreed on December 27, 2002 to solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji temple "to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which D.N.A. may be isolated for the purpose of a D.N.A. test." Further development in the matter is awaited.
18. Shri Nandalal Chakraborty, one of the deponents of the affidavit No.JMCI/11, in his letter dated 01.11.2002 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, has requested the Commission to visit the USA, the UK, and Germany for reasons mentioned therein. A copy of the said letter has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in continuation of the Commission's letter No.398 dated 11.11.2002 ~~received by the Ministry of External Affairs~~ ~~has been forwarded~~ with the request to act accordingly. The reply of the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter is still awaited.
19. Some handwritings allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' were made over to the Government Examiner of Questioned Documents, Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Simla, on 02.09.2002 along with some admitted specimens of the handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for examination of the said questioned handwritings by comparing with the said admitted specimens of handwritings. The sealed report of the said Government Examiner has been collected and brought to the office of the Commission on 25.11.2002. The aforesaid two sets of handwritings have been made over to another competent handwriting expert in the last week of December, 2002. The report of the second handwriting expert is yet to be received. On receipt of which the relevant documents will be referred to third handwriting expert.

20. Shri Dwaraka Nath Bose, son of Netaji's elder brother, Late Sunil Chandra Bose, has conveyed in writing his willingness to donate his blood sample, of 1 ml. for the purpose of proposed D.N.A. test. The Commission is still making efforts to collect the names and addresses of other eligible donors, if any, of Netaji's family and it is taking steps for arrangements of D.N.A. tests of the blood samples of willing eligible donors of Netaji's family. Shri N.K. Panja, Principal Private Secretary met Dr. S.E. Hasnain, Director, Centre for DNA Finger Print and Diagnostics in Hyderabad on 23rd January, 2003 to discuss the modalities of collection of blood samples for DNA test as also to collect the Test Tubes and Syringes from him for the purpose.
21. The hearing of the Commission was held on January 9, 2003 in Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata, on the contents of the paragraph 7(a) of the Status Report as on 28.11.2002, copy of which was sent to the authorities concerned with Commission's Registered letter No.503(7) dated 13.01.2003.
22. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, has been requested by the Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/CPDC/2000/432 dated November 27, 2002 to kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan the original Register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for cremation Permit allegedly filed on 18.05.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for Cremation Permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original Death Certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose or Chandra Bose and the original Death Certificate, if any in the name of Ichiro Okura, since the Commission is essentially required to have an access to those documents in view of the facts and circumstances stated in the aforesaid letter dated November 27, 2002 of the Commission. A copy of the said letter along with copies of the enclosures thereto has also been sent to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on November 27, 2002 by Registered Post. Their response is still awaited.


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Our response to the queries of JS(USC) are as under.

We had approached the US Government in 2001 to make available all documents related to Netaji in their possession. The Intelligence and Research Bureau of the US State Department had, in this connection, clarified that documents, once declassified, are no longer retained by the US Govt. and are normally stored in the National Archives, Library of Congress, or similar documentation centres. On the other hand, classified documents could be requisitioned only with specific details under the US Freedom of Information Act.

2. JS(USC) may kindly note with reference to his second query that the work of the Justice Mukherjee Commission is still continuing and the process of collecting data is on. They have recently furnished a list of documents which are to be procured from the US, if available. We have, accordingly, written to E/I, Washington, a copy of which is placed below for information.

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1. How we avoid U.S. letter for materials in the post?

2. Is the work of the Commission completed, or is it still collecting data/evidence?

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~~Dr. D. M.~~

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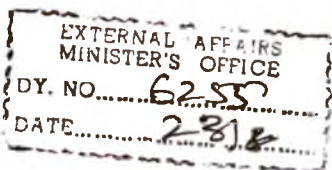
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BY SPEED POST

D.O. NO. JMCI/Doc(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/267

Calcutta, dated August 21, 2001

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Dear *Jaswant Singhjee,*

Apropos the Hon'ble Home Minister's telephonic talk with you on 13.08.2001 in my presence and the feedback I received from the Hon'ble Home Minister, I venture to write to you in the interest of the inquiry I am holding as the Chairman of the one-man Commission set up by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, to inquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

You will appreciate that having regard to the fact that this inquiry is being held after a lapse of more than five decades since the alleged disappearance of Netaji in 1945, this Commission has to depend mainly upon documents available in India and other countries. Indeed, some of the deponents before the Commission have, in their affidavits and/or sworn testimonies, asserted that documents containing clinching evidence relating to the points of this inquiry are in the possession and/or under the control of the Governments of the U.K., the U.S.A., Russia and the other States forming the erstwhile U.S.S.R.

It is in that context that a team of the Commission headed by me had been to London to study 774 files declassified by the U.K. Government in 1997 and maintained in The British Library and also files/records relevant to the points of inquiry that might be available in other archives/libraries in and around London. In course of our visit to London, we have come to learn that certain files/records are still classified and those will remain closed till 2021. At the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, a write-up on "British Records on Subhas Chandra Bose" was given to us (copy enclosed). Para 3 of this write-up corroborates what we came to learn during our visit to London. It is expressly stated in the said para 3 that some papers in the British Records on Subhas Chandra Bose have still remained closed. It may be safely presumed that these documents contain relevant material for otherwise the same would not have been treated as classified even after the lapse of more than five decades I, therefore, strongly feel

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that steps need be taken to make those documents available to this Commission in order to enable it to unravel the truth and solve for all time to come the mystery of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Further, materials before the Commission tend to lend at least some support to the contentions of the deponents that some relevant documents relating to the issues of the inquiry may be in the possession and/or under the control of the Government of the foreign countries like the U.S.A., Russia and the States which formed erstwhile U.S.S.R. In this connection, the letters Nos. Doc(FOR)/99-2000/56/503, 27 and 49 dated 6.2.2001, 17.4.2001 and 27.4.2001 respectively of this Commission to the Secretary of your Ministry may also kindly be referred to (A copy of each is enclosed). Besides the document/records, it may be necessary to examine witnesses, if available, in Japan, Formosa, Taiwan and Russia and the States which were within the erstwhile U.S.S.R.

The alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is an enigma shrouded in mystery. This Commission is making earnest endeavours to solve this mystery by unravelling the truth. This object cannot be achieved unless the Commission can explore all possible sources of evidence, both documentary and oral, relating to the issues of the present inquiry.

May I, therefore, request you to kindly take up this matter with the Governments of the U.K., the U.S.A., Japan, Taiwan, Russia and the States which were within the erstwhile USSR and persuade them to make available to the Commission all records and documents, both open and classified, relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Basu which may be in their possession and/or under their control? They may be further requested to extend all help and facilities to the Commission to enable it to record evidence of witnesses, if any, available in their respective countries

With personal regards,

Yours Sincerely,

K. S. Menon

To
Sri Jaswant Singh
The Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi 110 001

1. Virtually all British records relating to Subhas Chandra Bose, which are more than 30 years old, have been released at the Public Record Office and at the British Library.

/ 2. Public Record Office: See attached list for 1945-47.

/ 3. British Library: See attached note. This is a collection of 1913-1947 files of the Indian Political Intelligence organisation (IPI) in the series L/P & J/12 Public and Judicial Department (Separate). Released August 1997.

3. The only papers which remain closed are:

- a few papers in the files of the Intelligence and Security Agencies which do not add to the substantive account in the IPI Office collection. These Intelligence records are withheld from release with the approval of the Lord Chancellor, in accordance with Section 3(4) of the Public Records Acts;
- one paper from the IPI collection which is retained on grounds of continuing personal sensitivity.

WO 203/515 Apl 1945 Japanese-Indian Forces Command: guide to activities

" 516 Aug 1945 Japanese-Indian Forces Command: supplementary guide to Indian National Army in Malaya

" 2298 Aug 1945 Malaya: disposal, status, brief history of Indian National Army

" 4673 Aug-Dec 1945 Indian National Army

WO 208/804A Nov 42-
Nov 45 Indian traitors, fifth columnists trained by Japanese: Indian Independent League: Indian National Army: survey of various organisations employed by Japanese for espionage, sabotage, propaganda: reports on activities: British counter measures

WO 208/3812 1942-7, Subhas Chandra Bose: activities and death

FO 371/56774 1946 Indian-Soviet relations (N277/136/38: press article).

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DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/503

6.2.2001

From : Enri P.K. Sengupta, WEIJS (Retd.)
Secretary


To : The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

Sub : Access of the Commission to
peruse relevant documents
concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra
Bose/Indian National Army lying
in different Archives of the
Russian Union as also the Archiv
within the residual territory
of the erstwhile U.S.S.R.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission to request you to kindly persuade the Government of Russian Union as also the Governments of the States which were previously within the remaining territorial limits of the erstwhile U.S.S.R. so that the archival documents concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/Indian National Army, if any, lying in their Archives as mentioned in the affidavit dated 08.06.2000 of Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy as also referred to by her in her deposition on oath/affirmation before the Commission on 22.12.2000 could be scrutinized by and/or on behalf of the Commission and certified photo-copies or micro-films microfiches of the relevant documents could be taken by the Commission immediately. A list of the said Archives is attached herewith for your kind perusal and favour of taking necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclo : As stated above.

Names of Archives in the Soviet U.S.S.R.
residual territory of erstwhile U.S.S.
Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy before the Commission

1. State Archive of the Russian Federation
 2. Ministry of External Affairs
 3. Russian State Military Historical Archive
 4. Russian State Library manuscript department
 5. Russian Centre for conservation and study of
Records for modern History
 6. Former NKGB-KGB present FSB archive
 7. President's archive
 8. Stalin's archive
 9. Archives of the Far East of Russian Federation
 10. Archives in Omsk
 11. Military archives of Russian Ministry
of Defence at Paddolsk
 12. All the archives of St. Petersburg remained
totally untouched.
 13. Archives in Irkhutsk
 14. Personal archive of E. Ya. Luisternik
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DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/27

17th April, 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary "

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

Sub : Access of the Commission to peruse
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Army lying in the different Archiv
of the Russian Union as also in the
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of the erstwhile U.S.S.R.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the news item titled, "Netaji Panel should visit Russia" authored by the P.T and published in the Statesman dated March 12, 2001, for your kind perusal. In this connection, I am directed to draw your kind attent to the proposal contained in the Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FO 99-2000/56/503 dated 06.02.2001 and to request you kindly to take a necessary effective steps as quickly as possible to enable the Commission to have access to the documents, if any, lying in the archives of the Russian Union as also in the Archives of the States which were previously within the erstwhile U.S.S.R. as requested in the aforesaid letter dated 06.02.2001 of the Commission and suggest in the news item published in the Statesman dated 12.03.2001.

Enclosure: One.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56/49

REGISTERED WITH A/D. Calcutta, dated the 27th April 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

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To
The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India,
South Block
New Delhi 110 001

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the article titled "Did Netaji die in an Aircrash in 1945?" authored by one Sri R.C. Batura which appears to have been published in the Organiser, a periodical pertaining to the week ending on February 5, 1995 and to request you to kindly take up with the Government of the U.S.A. the matter of making available to the Commission all declassified documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA in possession of the U.S. Government including the declassified CIA documents and McArthur papers on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA for scrutiny by or on behalf of the Commission. The importance of these documents for the purposes of the inquiry of the Commission may be impressed upon the U.S. Government so that the Commission is not only given access to the documents for scrutiny but also provided with Micro films/Micro Fiche of such of those documents as may, on scrutiny, be found relevant for the purposes of the inquiry.

I am further directed to request you to kindly obtain the present postal address, Fax number and e-mail number of the Friends of Indian Society in the U.S.A. through the good office of the Indian Embassy in the U.S.A. and communicate the same to the Commission.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl: As stated above



Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

January 31, 2003

Dear Sir,

Please refer to my fax of 22.8.02 regarding address of National Archives of USA and Records Administration, Maryland. The desired information is awaited.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has now sought information on the following :

- Communication between McArthur and Mountbatten relating to Netaji;
- US Naval intelligence report regarding Netaji's activities from 17th to 25th August, 1945;
- Communication from General McArthur, to the US President Truman from 17th to 31st August, 1945;
- Documents in Princeton University, especially Louis Fischer's communication to Mahatma Gandhi, Khurshed Naoroji, the then US President, the Prime Minister of the U.K. in regard to Netaji and India's independence and the response thereto;
- Elliot Erikson's article of February, 1954 published in National Republic, a monthly magazine of Fundamental Americanism;
- CIA documents of 1946 indicating that there was no information of Netaji's alleged death and documents of 1964 expressing concern from the possible return of Netaji and its impact on the Nehru Government.

I would be grateful if you could check with the concerned authorities as to the existence and also the location of the said documents, and the possibility of procuring the same for the reference of the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Alok Prasad
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
Washington

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O No. 254/NGO Vol IX

February 11, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is in continuation of my letter of even number dated 3rd February, 2003.

We have now received the details of archives in **Ukraine** and **Turkmenistan**, which are enclosed. As regards **Armenia** and **Georgia**, the requisite information is given below.

Archive in Armenia

1. Archive of Socio-Political History of Armenia (former Name – Central State Archive of Documents of Socio-Political organizations of Armenia)
Director: Avag Harutyunyan
Address: Baghramian 59 G, Yerevan
Tel No: 00 374-1-225817
2. Armenian National Film Archive
Director: G.Zakoyan
Address: Tbilisyan Highway 25 A, Yerevan 375052
Tel No. 00-374-1-284895,285406,284885

Archive in Georgia

Department of Archives
Tel No: 00 99 532 372801

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

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LIST of the Archive Organizations of Turkmenistan

1. Ms. MOLLAEVA Maya Mollaevna, Head,
Main Archive Foundation
88, Makhtumkuli Avenue, Ashgabat, 744000, Turkmenistan
2. Ms. POLADOVA Oguljan Poladovna, Director
Central State Archive of Turkmenistan
88, Makhtumkuli Avenue, Ashgabat, 744000, Turkmenistan
3. Ms. KULIEVA Maral Rejebovna, Director
Central State Archive of political Documentation of Turkmenistan
88, Makhtumkuli Avenue, Ashgabat, 744000, Turkmenistan
4. Mr. ALLAYAROV Ruslan Omirbaevich, Director
Central State Archive of Film-photo-documents
88, Makhtumkuli Avenue, Ashgabat, 744000, Turkmenistan
5. Ms. SIBIRSKAYA Ekaterina Timofeevna, Director,
Central Laboratory of microfilms and restoration of documents of the
State Archive of Turkmenistan
88, Makhtumkuli Avenue, Ashgabat, 744000, Turkmenistan
6. Ms. SAPARLIEVA Annagul Chashemovna, Director
State Archive of Dashoguz velayat
33, Al Horezmi st., Dashoguz, 746300, Turkmenistan
7. Ms. LEONTYEVA Ludmila Georgievna, Director
State Archive of Lebap Velayat
47, Bitarap st., Turkmenabad, 746100, Turkmenistan
8. Ms. KUPRIUANOVA Galina Ivanovna, Director
State Archive of Ahal Velayat
2, Zavodskaya st., Abadan, 645224, Turkmenistan
9. Mr. Gaipov Garly, Director
State Archive of Mary Velayat
61, Bitaraplyk, Mary, 745400, Turkmenistan
10. Ms. REJEPOVA Gulnara Rahimovna, Director
State Archive of the town of Atamyrat, Turkmenistan
3, S.A. Nyazov st., 746620, Turkmenistan

1. Central State Historical Archives of Ukraine,
Kyiv 03680, 24 Solomyanska Street,
Office 64.

Tel: 00-380-44-2773002

Fax: 2773002

Director: Mrs. Olga V. Muzychuk.

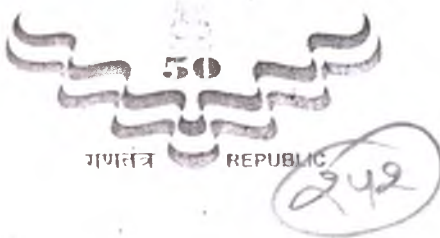
2. National Museum of History of the Great
Patriotic War 1941-1945,

01015, 44 Sichnevogo Povstanya Street.

Tel: 00-380-44-2959452/57

Fax: 2959457

Director: Mr. Olexander S. Artyomov.



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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

DO No 254/HRGO Vol IX - I

February 11, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/2002/86/519 dated 24.1.2003 regarding alleged cremation permit in respect of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

In this connection, I would like to inform you that, as desired by the Commission, we have asked our Embassy to seek the requisite clarifications and obtain the desired documents from the Government of Japan. The matter is under reference to the concerned authorities in Japan. We are waiting to hear from them on this issue. We shall revert as soon as a response is received from the Japanese authorities.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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January 29, 2003

Thank you for your letter regarding Netaji's mortal remains which lie in the Renkoji Temple.

2. I entirely agree with you that the fullest respect and honour must be paid at all times to the mortal remains of Netaji.
3. I am sorry to learn about the problems Reverend Mochizuki has experienced in his dealings with our officials, who visited the temple on the instructions of the Justice Mukherjee Commission to convey requests received from the Commission.
4. I am leaving for India tomorrow morning on an official visit but shall personally call on Rev. Mochizuki on my return to Japan and offer my apologies for any unintentional offence that may have been given by my officials. I have met Rev. Mochizuki on several earlier occasions and he has always received me with the utmost courtesy.
5. I also wish to assure you that, as has been the practice in the past, in any further dealings with the Renkoji Temple, the fullest regard will be paid to the sentiments and wishes expressed by you. We will ensure that neither the Temple priests, who have so lovingly cared for Netaji's mortal remains, nor the members of the family should have any cause for complaint.

With warm regards and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Aftab Seth)

Mrs. Krishna Bose, M.P.
Chairperson
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111, Parliament House Annexe
New Delhi 110 001

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✓ Copy to : Shri Kanwal Sibal, Foreign Secretary, MEA, New Delhi

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Ambassador from JS(CNV).

Kindly refer to your letter No.TOK/102/02/03 dated January 28, 2003 addressed to JS(EA) regarding NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.

The points raised in your letter are under consideration. Kindly await Ministry's communication before taking any further action in the matter.

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No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/86/519.

Kolkata, dated, 24th Jan.'03.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Alleged Cremation Permit in respect
of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Serial 232/c of Vol. VIII

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Commission's
registered letter No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 dated 27.11.02
and to request you to kindly let the Commission know
immediately the details of the action taken thereon
and the outcome thereof.

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Pl. examine quickly. We must give an ATR.

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31.1.2003

Yours faithfully,
P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

February 6, 2003

Dear Shri Goyal,

I enclose herewith copy of a self-explanatory letter along with its enclosures received from Shri Aftab Seth, Ambassador of India, Tokyo, regarding the question of conducting of a DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose preserved at the Renkoji Temple, Tokyo.

2. Given the sensitivity of the issue, it is requested that the points raised by the Ambassador and the observations of Smt. Krishna Bose, M.P. in their letters may please be given careful consideration. It is also requested that the advice of the Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard be conveyed to this Ministry so that our Ambassador in Tokyo could be advised accordingly. In the interim, we are requesting the Ambassador to await Government's instructions before taking any further action in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri L.C. Goyal,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

Encl: As above



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Discussed. A letter to MHA in to be drafted urgently

Please take n.a. photo

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I am enclosing a copy of my letter dated January 29, 2003 to Mrs. Krishna Bose, MP which I wrote in response to her letter of January 23, 2003 regarding the mortal remains of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose being kept in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. The contents of the letter are self-explanatory.

2. I fully appreciate the sensitivities expressed by Rev. Koshi Mochizuki, the Chief Minister of the Renkoji Temple. On the direction of the Justice Mukherjee Commission, we approached the Renkoji Temple for re-examination of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji to ascertain whether DNA test could be carried out. In this regard I had written to Rev. Mochizuki seeking his assistance. However, Rev. Mochizuki has requested our Counsellor Shri Ramesh Chander for a formal request and a communication from the Indian leadership and also "some notification by the Government of India with regard to the requested DNA testing."

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2 Ministry's advice on the parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert, particularly whether we should have both a Japanese and an Indian expert working on this project.

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Good wishes

Yours sincerely,

(Aftab Seth)

Shri Nalin Surie,
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23rd January 2003

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Ambassador Aftab Seth
Ambassador of India to Japan
Tokyo
Japan

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Sincerely,

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CC. Shri Kanwal Sibal
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

February 3, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to the correspondence regarding details of Archives in the States constituting the erstwhile Soviet Union. In this connection, the information received so far is as under.

As regards **Kyrgyzstan**, there is only one archive, which is under the control of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture. Its address is given below.

Ms. Samayeva, B.O.
Director
Central State Archives of Kyrgyzstan
105, Toktogula Street
Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)

Tel. No.: 00996-312-228751
Fax No.: 00996-312-663368

The list of archives in **Kazakhstan** is enclosed. Our Mission in Kazakhstan has further informed that all communication with regard to access to any of the archives has to be routed through the Chairman of the Committee for Control over Archives and Documentation – currently, Mr. R. Sarieva. The Commission is, therefore, requested to address all communication in this matter to the Chairman and route it through the Embassy of India, Almaty so that the communication gets due attention.

In the meanwhile, our Mission in Tashkent (Uzbekistan) has informed that since the information has been desired in respect of all the archives in Uzbekistan, it will take some time to be collected.

Best wishes,


Yours sincerely,


(Vijay Gokhale)

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

V. Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Prabhakar Menon
Ambassador of India
Dublin

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Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

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I would, therefore, request you to take up the matter with the appropriate authorities in Singapore and keep the Ministry posted of the developments in this regard.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.P.Shukla
High Commissioner of India
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Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Smt. Veena Sikri
High Commissioner of India
Kuala Lumpur



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Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Smt. L.K.Ponappa
Ambassador of India
Bangkok

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February 3, 2003

Dear Sir,

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In this connection, I would be grateful if you could arrange to have the matter investigated and intimate the results thereof.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.P.Shukla
High Commissioner of India
Singapore

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Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Smt. Veena Sikri
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अलमाते
Ambassador of India
Almaty

24th January 2003

Dear Shri Gokhale,

This is in continuation of my letter of even no. dated 27th December 2002 forwarding therewith a list of archives in Kazakhstan required by the Justice Mukharjee Commission of Inquiry on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

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With regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Vidya Sagar Verma)

Mr. Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi.

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Sincerely,
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CC. Shri Kanwal Sibal
Foreign Secretary, Government of India

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Dr. Sen

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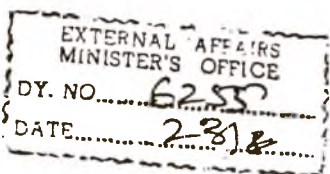
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(वी. श्रीनिवास)

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No. TOK/102/03/02

December 31, 2002

Dear

Vijay Sahas,

Please refer to your letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated December 20, 2002 regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

The sanction for their visit to Japan said to be enclosed with your letter under reference has not been received with the letter. Would you kindly arrange to have the requisite sanction sent at the earliest possible.

With regards to
All the best wishes for
the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

(Ramesh Chander)

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Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

Please do the needful.

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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council.

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei.

SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL

Please refer to your fax message of January 1, 2003 forwarding therewith a letter from Justice Mukherjee Commission.

On receipt of the message, we spoke to the Taiwanese authorities once again and were told that there is no further meaningful information available with them.

Kindly refer to our messages of August 20, 2002 and September 9, 2002 summarizing the information available on this subject through our interaction with various Taiwanese authorities as well as on the basis of some of our own research at the local library in response to previous references from the Council.

With warm regards,

Date: 7.1.2003

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Deputy Director General

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No. JMCI/ Meeting-Proceeding(Follow Up)/
99-2000/48(IV)/478.(7).

Kolkata, dated, 26th Dec.'02.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

Is(CNV)

- To : 1) Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
2) Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
3) Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office,
4) Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat,
5) Secretary,
Ministry of Defence,
6) Director General of National Archives,
Government of India,
7) Director,
Intelligence Bureau,
Government of India.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith copies of the
Status Report as on 28.11.2002 and of the Proceedings
dated September 17, 2002, and December 2, 2002, of the
Commission for your kind information and favour of
taking necessary action.

Encl : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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Status Report as on 28.11.2002 showing action taken on/compliance with orders/directions including those contained in the proceedings dated 10.06.2002 read with the proceedings dated 23.03.2000, 13.06.2000, 31.08.2000, 28.09.2000, 23.11.2000, 21.12.2000, 17.01.2001, 04.04.2001, 13.06.2001, 17.10.2001, 20.12.2001 & 22.03.2002 of the Commission.

1. Xerox copies of the Commission's Status Report as on 06.06.2002 and of the proceedings dated June 10, 2002 and July 16, 2002 were sent to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence, as also to the Director General, National Archives of India, and the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, under Commission's registered letter no. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow up)/ 99-2000/48 (IV)/237 (7) dated 01.08.2002 for their information and taking necessary action at their end. The Commission's Status Report from 01.10.2002 to 31.10.2002 was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs on 11.11.2002 by Registered Post for necessary action at their end.
2. The Commission has been persistently asking the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, for their affidavit on existence/non-existence/availability/non-availability, etc. of the complete records of the proceedings of the trial of the INA personnel.
3. No counter-affidavit or affidavit-in-opposition was filed by Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence and Intelligence Bureau, Govt of India in respect of averments/contentions/allegations contained in the affidavits/supplementary affidavits of different deponents in spite of repeated reminders. Hence, they have been intimated by registered letter no 300 dated September 03, 2002 that because of the said default of the said Ministries/Departments/Offices of the Government of India, the Commission presumed that the formers did not want to file any counter-affidavits or affidavits-in-opposition as they had nothing with them to enable them to say anything contrary to or rebut on oath the averments and contentions contained in the aforesaid affidavits.
4. Xerox copies/authenticated copies of various files of the Government of India as received from time to time are being scrutinized and further references are being made to the Government of India to elicit further information/documents in appropriate cases.
5. To expedite the matters, the Hon'ble Chairman went to Delhi on 28.10.2002 and met the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India. He requested the Hon'ble Minister to persuade the Government of the U.K. to declassify all relevant classified British documents and to take all steps in terms of the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 26.09.2001 of the then Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs. Apropos the said discussion, the Commission's letter No 398 dated 11.11.2002 was sent by Speed Post to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with the request to take appropriate action in the matter. The Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, in his d.o. letter dated 13.11.2002 addressed to the Hon'ble chairman has stated inter alia : "..... since the Commission feels that these papers (i.e. classified British records on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) could be of vital importance with reference to its mandate, we have again

taken up the issue of their release with the British Government and would keep you informed of the outcome in this regard.

— I would like to take this opportunity to reassure of all possible assistance from our side to facilitate the inquiry of the Commission.”

— Further development in the matter is awaited.

6. Notwithstanding the statement made by the then Prime Minister in the Lok Sabha on 28.08.1978 regarding availability of “further contemporary official documentary records”, no such records could be traced out by the Government of India, as reported by them. The reports given by the Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister’s Office, the Ministry of Home Affairs, etc. in the matter would be considered by the Hon’ble Chairman at the appropriate stage to express his views thereon.

7(a) The Hon’ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission visited Japan in the month of September, 2002 and could examine only one witness, viz., Dr. T. Yoshimi, in spite of publication of a notice about the sitting of the Commission in Japan, in a prominent English daily of Japan before the visit of the Commission to Japan. The Commission could interact with a number of local people at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo who declined to depose before the Commission as witnesses. They have, however, stated that they all believe that Netaji had died in the plane crash on 18th August, 1945 and that the ashes of Netaji are being preserved at the Renkoji Temple; but none of them could adduce any evidence in support of their said beliefs. The Commission could not visually examine the ashes kept in Renkoji Temple as the container thereof could not be opened by the authorities of the Renkoji Temple on that day for some practical difficulties. Since the Commission was leaving for Miyazaki on that very day to examine Dr. T. Yoshimi, the Hon’ble Chairman addressed a letter to the Ambassador of India in Japan (who was away from Tokyo on that day) requesting him to get the ashes examined by a competent officer of the Embassy to ascertain whether there is any bone or fragments of bone in them justifying examination of the ashes by D.N.A. test. The report dated November 12/18, 2002 of the Indian Embassy in Japan and the photographs received by the Hon’ble Chairman on 28.11.2002, shows that the casket alleged to be containing the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose appear to be having bone fragments, parts of the skull, some teeth, and a portion of the jaw.

7)b) Shri Nandalal Chakraborty, one of the deponents of the affidavit no. JMCI/11, in his letter dated 01.11.2002 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission has requested the Commission to visit the USA, the UK, and Germany for reasons mentioned therein. Copy of the said letter has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in continuation of the Commission’s letter no. 398 dated 11.11.2002 to act accordingly.

8. The documents collected by the National Archives of India from the UK as per requisition of the Commission have been received and are being scrutinized by the Commission.

9. The Commission has received from the Ministry of External Affairs some papers in support of the contention of the Ministry of External Affairs that the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose does not appear in the list of “War Criminals”.

10. The Commission has been pursuing with the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the Intelligence Bureau, etc., Government of India, for various files/documents/records/reports called for from them which are yet to be received by the Commission.
 11. Some handwritings allegedly of "Gumnami Baba" were made over to the Government Examiner of Questioned Documents, Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Simla, on 02.09.2002 along with some admitted specimens of the handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for examination of the said questioned handwritings by comparing with the said admitted specimens of handwritings. The sealed report of the said Government Examiner has been collected and brought to the office of the Commission on 25.11.2002. Efforts are being made to get the aforesaid two sets of handwritings examined independently by two more eminent handwriting experts, one after the other. It may be pointed out in this connection that it will take considerable time to get the questioned handwritings, allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, verified with admitted specimens of his handwritings by 3 (three) eminent handwriting experts independently, one after the other.
 12. The authenticated xerox copies of the relevant rules and procedures, which were in force at the time of destruction of different files/documents of the Government of India, as called for, could not be received from the Prime Minister's office in spite of close persuasion by the Commission. Hence, it has been decided not to pursue the matter further.
 13. To collect blood samples of persons on the paternal/maternal lineage of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for the purpose of DNA tests of the relevant specimens out of the articles seized from the house in Faizabad, UP for establishing the identity of the subject to whom those specimens belonged, Sarbasree Nirupam Som, Subrata Bose, Pradip Bose, Sugata Bose, Chandra Kumar Bose, Surya Kumar Bose, Sadhan Kar and Smt. Chitra Ghose were requested by the Commission's letters dated 30.07.2002/ 03.10.2002/04.10.2002 to kindly cooperate with this Commission by communicating their willingness to donate their respective blood samples of one ml. each. While no response has yet been received from Sarbasree Subrata Bose, Chandra Kumar Bose, Sadhan Kar and Smt. Chitra Ghosh, Shri Nirupam Som and Shri Sugata Bose have questioned the efficacy of the proposed DNA test in their respective replies to the Commission in the matter. Shri Surya Kumar Bose, who is now living in Germany, has however expressed his willingness to donate the blood but has informed that he has no plan to visit India in near future. Shri Pradip Bose has replied that he has no objection to donate the blood in New Delhi as he will not be able to come to Kolkata in near future. The Commission is still making efforts to collect the names and addresses of other eligible donors, if any, of Netaji's family.
- Shri Subrata Bose in his letter dated November 28, 2002 which was received by the Commission at 3.45 PM on the same day, conveyed his willingness to donate blood sample for the proposed DNA test on the specimens obtained from Faizabad, UP, "and for no other purpose".

JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated September 17, 2002 (Seventeenth)
Held at Takajyocho, Miyazaki Prefecture, Japan

Present : Mr. Justice M. K. Mukherjee, Chairman

September 17, 2002

It is now 8.00 a.m. The sitting of the Commission for examination of the witness Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi commences.

Witness Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi is present in person. Other persons present are :-

1. Sri P. K. Sengupta, Secretary of the Commission.
2. Ms. Navko Okruo, Interpreter.
3. Sri Subrata Bose, Deponent No. 27.
4. Dr. Madhusudhan Pal, Deponent No. 14.
5. Sri C. Rajsekher, First Secretary, Embassy of India in Japan.

Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi is examined on oath (administered through the Interpreter Ms. Navko Okruo in Japanese) by the Commission as CW no. 84. He is cross-examined by the Deponent no. 14 Dr. Madhusudhan Pal for himself and also for and on behalf of the Deponent no. 27 Sri Subrata Bose.

The questions put to the witness in English have been interpreted into Japanese and his answers have been interpreted into English by the above Interpreter. The deposition of the witness, as interpreted by the Interpreter, has been recorded by Sri P. K. Sengupta, Secretary of the Commission, in my presence and under my direction. One document in Japanese script has been admitted in evidence and marked as Exhibit 112 without any objection.

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 2nd December, 2002 (Eighteenth)
held at Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007

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Of the seven witnesses summoned today two witnesses, namely, Shri Subhas Ranjan Dasgupta and Shri Usha Ranjan Bhattacharyya are present. Four witnesses, Shri Sunil Krishna Gupta, Shri Surajit Dasgupta, Shri Bijoy Kumar Nag and Dr. Sushanta Kumar Mitra prayed for time and their prayers were allowed vide order dated 29.11.2002. Another witness, Smt. Krishna Bose, prayed for exemption from her personal appearance on the ground that she has got no personal knowledge about the alleged plane crash at Taihoku and death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. She has been exempted.

Shri Subhas Ranjan Dasgupta and Shri Usha Ranjan Bhattacharyya have been examined as CW 85 and CW 86 respectively. Shri Subhas Ranjan Dasgupta in his examination has testified that the statements made in the affidavit and Supplementary affidavit filed by him jointly with Shri Nirmal Sinha, Shri Satyabrata Tapadar and Shri Jayanta Chowdhury on 20th January, 2000 and 11th April, 2000 before the Commission are correct. He has identified his signatures on the affidavit and the Supplementary affidavit which have been marked Exhibits 96/2 and 97/2 respectively. His signature on another Supplementary affidavit filed by him jointly with Shri Satyabrata Tapadar on 19th January, 2002 has been marked Exhibit 98/2. He has asserted that this statement made in the affidavits filed by him on 7th May, 2002 and 31st October, 2002 are correct. These two affidavits have been marked Exhibits 113 and 114 respectively. His signatures on those two affidavits have been marked Exhibits 113/1 and 114/1 respectively. Two Newspapers : 'Netaji Azad Hind Gazette' dated 15th September, 1965 and pages 6 to 8 of the newspaper 'Rupantar' filed by Shri Dasgupta have been marked Exhibits 115 and 116 respectively.

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Shri Usha Ranjan Bhattacharyya (CW 86) has asserted that his statement in the affidavit filed by him on 3rd March, 2000 are correct. The said affidavit and his signature have been marked Exhibits 117 and 117/1 respectively. Two books titled 'Netaji-ke Lal-Kellai Hatya' and 'Netaji was murdered in Red Fort' authored by him have been marked Exhibits 118 and 119 respectively.

After examining the witnesses present, the parties and/or their lawyers present have been heard about the Status Report as on 28.11.2002 prepared by the Commission and circulated to all the parties present with particular reference to paragraphs 7(a) and 13 of the Status Report (which deal with the report dated 12/18.11.2002 of the Indian Embassy in Japan and photographs enclosed therewith indicating that the casket alleged to be containing the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose appear to be having bone fragments, parts of the skull, some teeth and portion of the jaw; and collection of blood samples of persons on the paternal/maternal lineage of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for the purpose of DNA test respectively).

Shri Subrata Bose (JMCI/27/2000) prayed for time for discussions and hearing in respect of paragraph 7(a); and as regards paragraph 13 of the Status Report, he submitted that he would try to impress upon some of the descendants in the paternal and maternal lineage of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for donation of blood. Dr. Madhusudan Pal (JMCI/14/2000) and other deponents also prayed for some time for discussion on paragraph 7 (a) of the Status Report. The prayer has been allowed and consequently the proposed hearing tomorrow has been adjourned.

Next date of hearing will be notified later on.


(M. K. Mukherjee)
Chairman



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EMBASSY OF INDIA
Ulitsa Alexie Tolstovo No. 3
Tashkent

No: TAS/102/2/2002

December 16, 2002

My dear Vijay,

This is with reference to the correspondence regarding details of archives required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. Your letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 27.11.02 refers.

2. Since information is required about all archives in Uzbekistan, it is naturally not available in this Mission; nor is it available from any published sources. Accordingly, we have approached the Uzbek Ministry of Foreign Affairs for this information and it will be forwarded as soon as it is received from them. However, given the nature of information required, you will appreciate that it may take some time before we get it.

*Warm regards & best
wishes for the New year.*

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

(Sharat Sabharwal)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

*We may give an interim reply
to the J.M.C.I.*

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**Om Prakash
Ambassador**

भारत का राजदूत
AMBASSADOR OF INDIA
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BIS/CUL/321/32/2002

16th December, 2002

Dear *Shri Gokhale,*

This has the reference to your D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 27th November, 2002 regarding information on all archives in Kyrgyzstan.

The only such facility in the Kyrgyzstan is the 'Central State Archives', an agency under the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture. Its address and telephone number etc. are given below:

**Ms. Samayeva, B.O.
Director
Central State Archives of Kyrgyzstan
105, Toktogula Street,
Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)**

**Tel. No.: 00996-312-228751
Fax No. : 00996-312-663368**

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

(Om Prakash)

**Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)
MEA, South Block,
New Delhi.**

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US (NGO)
We may forward this to the Commission.
Shri
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By Regd. Post with A/D.

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow Up)/
99-2000/48(IV)/479.

Kolkata, dated, 26th Dec.'02.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to request you to kindly advise the Indian Embassy in Malayasia to trace the whereabouts of Shri Americk Singh Gill of I.N.A., now reported to be living in Kualalampur and furnish the Commission with the full postal address, Fax No. Telephone No., E.Mail address, etc. as early as possible.

I am also directed to request you to cause an inquiry by the Indian Embassy in Singapore as to the contention of Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, a deponent, that an office of the I.N.A. is still stationed in Singapore and functioning there and send a detailed report of such inquiry to the Commission as early as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)99-2000-56(IV)/398

November 11, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110 001

*PL examine. We need
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for EAM/FS orders. There are limitations
on how much we can persuade
foreign govt & also desirability of
this course of action.*

*Hg
14.11.2002*

US (NGO)

*Please speed
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Sub : Documents, records, files, etc. relating to and/or having relevance to the points of inquiry which are in the possession or under the control of the Governments of the U.K., the U.S.A., the Russian Federation and the other States which were within the erstwhile USSR, Japan, Vietnam, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Germany, Ireland, etc.

Sir,

Apropos the Hon'ble Chairman's discussions with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, on October 28, 2002 in New Delhi, I am directed to request you to take appropriate action so that the government of U.K. may be closely pursued by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to get declassified all relevant classified British documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and/or INA which are in the possession and/or under the control of the Government of U.K.

I am further directed to request the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to take necessary effective steps to persuade the Governments of the USA, the Russian Federation including all other States which are now sovereign, but previously within the erstwhile USSR, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Taiwan, Germany, Ireland, etc., to make available or accessible to the Commission at their earliest convenience all documents, classified/de-classified/unclassified, containing evidence/materials relating to and/or having relevance to the points of the inquiry, which are in the possession and/or under the control of the aforesaid Governments and/or are in the various Archives of those countries.

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As regards Russian documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, I am directed to invite your notice to the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dt: October 1, 2001 of the then Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, forwarding therewith some documents said to have been received through the Indian Mission in Moscow from different Archives in the Russian Federation. The documents sent along with aforesaid d.o. letter dt: October 1, 2001 included one unofficial translation of a note bearing No.142/3/DA dt: 28th June, 2001 of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of India, Moscow. From that note it appears that the documents forwarded along with the above-quoted d.o. letter dt: October 1, 2001 pertain to the following Archives:

- a. The State Archives of the Modern History; ✓
- b. The Archives of R.F. External Intelligence Service,
- c. Archives of the Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation. ✓

In the said note dated 28th June, 2001 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation it was further stated that the following Archives were found to contain no documents concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

- 1 The Central Archives of FSB of Russia, ✓
- 2 The Central State Archives of R.F. Defence Ministry, ✓
- 3 The Russian State Library,
- 4 The State Archives of the Russian Federation, ✓
- 5 The Russian State Military Archives, and
- 6 The Russian State Historical Archives of the Far East.

I am further directed to request you to kindly refer to your d.o. letter No..25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dt: October 21, 2002 and its enclosure i.e., the list of eight Archives, as received by the MEA from the Indian Mission in Moscow, and to say that the list sent along with your above-quoted d.o. letter dt: October 21, 2002 does not prima facie appear to be exhaustive in-as-much as this list does not contain the names of four (4) Archives but of the nine (9) Archives mentioned in the aforesaid note dated June 28, 2001 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, a copy of which was received along with the d.o.letter dated October 1, 2001, referred to earlier in this letter. These four (4) Archives are:-

- a. The Archives of RF External Intelligence Service;
- b. The Russian State Library;
- c. The Russian State Military Archives;
- d. The Russian State Historical Archives of the Far East.

As regards the list of Archives received along with your d.o. letter dt: October 21, 2002, I am further to state that neither any document nor any report in respect of three (3) out of eight Archives named in the list has yet been received. These three Archives are :-

- a. Russian State Archives of Socio Political Histroy (Sl. 2 of the list).
- b. President's Archive (APRF) (Sl.no. 4 of the list).
- c. Russian State Archives of Audio-Photo Documents (Sl. No. 8 of the list).

I am to further request you to refer to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/27 dt: April 17, 2001 forwarding therewith a copy of the list of the Archives of the Russian Federation and also the other States, which were within the erstwhile USSR, as furnished by Dr. (Mrs) Purabi Roy and the Commission's letter No.JMCI/DCC(FOR)/99-2000/56/(IV)/348 dt: September 27, 2002 calling for a complete list of the names and addresses of all the Archives in the Russian Federation as also of the other States, which were previously within the erstwhile USSR. I am directed to say that no document or report in respect of a number of Archives in the aforesaid list of Archives furnished by Dr (Mrs) Purabi Roy has yet been received. I am to further bring to your notice that a comprehensive list of Archives, as called for in the above-quoted Commission's letter No. 348 dt: 27 September, 2002 is yet to be received from your end.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly expedite reply to these letters,

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary